



Tommie Davis Lowery

July 16, 1946 - April 4, 2026

Tommie Louise Davis Lowery was born July 16, 1946, to Bessie and Larkin Davis of Laurel. She was the only child of a sassy straight-shooting Mom and kindhearted gentle spirited Dad. She grew up playing and exploring the neighborhood of Pendorff, attended school at Pendorff Elementary and church at Harmony Baptist.

She graduated from Ellisville High School, Class of 1964, among a legendary tight-knit class that still meets for lunch once a month. At EHS, Tommie was a cheerleader, a role that suited her well and a role that she embodied for the rest of her life. She attended Jones County Junior College and received her bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1968.

Tommie and Wayne met at Ellisville High School where all accounts report love at first sight. Anyone who knew them or witnessed them as a couple described their love as “one of a kind; the kind of love that is written about in books; soulmates.” They were married on the summer solstice, June 21st of 1969. Their love story continued as they brought into this world their three children: Amber, Devan and Brittany who they introduced to adventures both big and small. From the white beaches of old school Destin to the snowy mountains of Purgatory, Colorado, of which all were driven to by Econoline or mini-van; a true testament to their love for each other and their children.

Tommie was the ultimate mother but she was also a career woman. Her first teaching position out of college was on the gulf coast where she impacted students and garnered her title as a sun goddess. From Physical Education to Gifted Education, her teaching career spanned many decades and led her to complete her Masters Degree in Gifted Education at USM in 1999. The running joke amongst her family was that her students had the uncanny ability of recognizing her wherever she went. From escalators at faraway shopping malls to elevators at the casinos, they always thanked her for being the best teacher they ever had. If she didn't teach you, Tommie may have dressed you in her role as the uber fashionable owner of Camelot Fashions. She and her business partner, Cathy Cockrell, outfitted most of Laurel from the early 80's through the mid-90's. They created the phenomenon known as the Parking Lot Pep Rally that brought together local high schools in a spirit-filled contest and fashion show.

When their only son, Devan, was murdered by a random act of gun violence in 1999 as a senior at Ole Miss, Tommie leaned on her incredible faith and began a ministry. She spoke at dozens of churches, women's groups and civic organizations telling her family's story and inspiring the masses. Much like the promise of the rainbow to Noah, the butterfly became a symbol to her of God's love, grace and peace that surpasses all understanding. Her testimony was far reaching and her impact mighty, bringing hope to so many people who experienced Christ through her.

To know Tommie was to love her. She never met a stranger and lived her life with such intention that she could lock in and listen, making a person feel as if they were the most important person on this earth. This was matched also by her ability to talk. If you knew Tommie, you knew her light, her love, her energy and her spark - she was pure joy.

When she retired from the workforce in 2008 prior to the birth of her first “Grand,” she entered what she would later refer to as her “Mimi Era” (thank you T. Swift). She treasured every moment with her babies (even the hard ones) and the local Chick- Fil-A and Starbucks will miss her dearly.

She is survived by her handsome husband of 57 years, Wayne; her daughters Amber Miller (Joe), Brittany Williams (Daniel); and eight “GRANDS”: Devan & Ellen Miller; Grayson Gavin, Gabby, Grace and Griffin Viner; Garrett and Gage Williams, affectionately known to their Mimi as “The G’s”.

The Lowery, Miller & Williams families would like to say a special thank you to all of Tommie’s precious lifelong friends & cousins who were on the front lines with them over the last six weeks as Tommie fought hard to stay ahead of her glioblastoma diagnosis. Through it all, she never lost her joyful spirit. She leaves behind a lifetime legacy of grace, love and joy.

Tommie’s Celebration of Life will be at Harmony Baptist Church, 3213 Ellisville Boulevard, on Friday, April 10, 2026. Visitation is from 9:30 AM to 11 AM with the Celebration beginning at 11 AM.

Pallbearers will include Tommie’s beloved son-in-laws Joe Miller and Daniel Williams, grandson Grayson Gavin and dear friends Tom Brown, Gary Daughtry and Mike Ellzey.

In honor of Tommie, please wear every color in the rainbow - the brighter the better.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made In Remembrance of Tommie Davis Lowery to the following organizations that were close to her heart:

The Social Club (Special Needs Inclusive Play Non-Profit)

<https://www.thesocialclublaurel.com/donations>

2110A Sandy Lane

Laurel 39443

Devan Lowery Memorial Scholarship at JCJC Foundation, Inc.

900 South Court Street

Ellisville, Ms. 39437

https://www.jcjc.edu/alumni_foundation/giving-support/

To sign the online guest book, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Harmony Baptist Church
3213 Ellisville Boulevard
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Our family are praying for all of you and we loved her so much and had many fun times shopping at her store. May the Peace of Christ be with all of you now and forever and know what a light she was and leaves here. Love and hugs! Roma Rahaim Graham



roma Rahaim Graham - April 18 at 09:09 AM



“ I'm so sorry...Ms Tommie was a great lady. Last time I spoke to her I was sitting out at dad's grave and she had come to visit Devan. We had a pleasant conversation and reminisced about all the loved ones we had lost. She will be sorely missed.

Jonathan Clark - April 14 at 04:46 PM

FJ

“ Ms Lowery was my teacher/friend. I loved to run into around town. I loved to see her riding around town. I loved when she came to vote. That smile! OMG! I was using a cane because I had knee surgery! She took my cane and said GIRL! You get rid of that cane. You look older than me! Get it together. I did ! OMG! My heart is so broken. Heaven received a great angel.

Faye Jackson - April 14 at 11:31 AM

LH

“ Tommie and I met through our good friend, Betty Hurst Cochran. We were teenagers still in junior high and high school. Tommie and Betty attended Ellisville high school and I attended George S.Gardiner.

After high school, we all went to Jones County Junior College-Jones College. We share a lot of great memories. What I remember most about Tommie was her infectious laughter—she smiled all the time!! She will be missed by all who knew her.

Linda Hillman

Linda Hillman - April 14 at 11:15 AM

JS

“ Tommie and I were neighbors many years ago and we were lucky enough to be able to raise our children together. She was a wonderful friend and a great mom to her children showing everyday how very much she loved them. We spent many hours by the pool and taking Haley and Amber to dance events! Prayers to her precious family!! I will love her forever!❤️

Judy Strickland - April 09 at 10:21 PM

JS

“ Tommie and I were neighbors many years ago and were lucky enough to be able to raise our children together. She was a wonderful Mom showing everyday how very much she loved her children. We spent many hours together at the pool and taking Haley and Amber to dance events. It was one of my heartfelt memories. Prayers to your family! Love you forever!

Judy Strickland - April 09 at 05:51 PM

CP

“ Tommie worked at MS Employment Security Commission during her early career. We are saddened to learn of her death way too soon. She always had a ready smile and laughter. She was loved and appreciated. Prayers for her family and friends. Carolyn T. Parker

Carolyn T. Parker - April 09 at 05:30 PM

SH

“ I'm Stella Hall! I've know Tommie for all these many years and Wayne! Tommie had the dress shop & I visited it regularly & knew her in community action committees! She's everything said in her obituary & has always been a great friend! I talked to her occasionally on Instagram where she posted family pictures and news! I will definitely miss her ! Prayers & condolences to her family during this sad time! God is there for you all 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️🙏

Stella Hall - April 09 at 12:42 PM

JD

“ Prayers for comfort to Tommie's family and friends. She was a bright light to anyone who knew her. I remember them coming into church at Harmony with Devin and Amber, carrying Amber's shoes, because Amber didn't like wearing shoes, and the main object was to just to get to church. She always had a smile and a lot of good advice, like use paper plates. It's been many years since I have seen her, but I will always remember her.

Janis Deaton - April 09 at 11:21 AM

PD

“ Piper & Colin Deese-Murray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommie Davis Lowery.

Piper & Colin Deese-Murray - April 09 at 02:05 AM

PD

“ *Piper & Colin Deese-Murray purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Tommie Davis Lowery.*



Piper & Colin Deese-Murray - April 09 at 02:05 AM

CJ

“ *Charlotte Jackson lit a candle in memory of Tommie Lowery*



Charlotte Jackson - April 09 at 12:23 AM

KC

“ *Mrs. Tommie was always so kind and welcoming when I would come over to see Brittany. She was always cheerful and had the most upbeat personality. I saw what an amazing mother she was, and I also saw how much she and Mr. Wayne loved each other unconditionally. She will be deeply missed!*

Kathy Carollo - April 08 at 09:50 PM

NN

“ Mrs Tommie was a very special loving woman. Im NATALIE(most time she will say (Nat) her neighbor who was blessed 🙌 to know her for 7 years. My husband and kids loved her from day one. She made us felt so welcome she never missed a beat on keeping me undated.lol we watched out for each other my husband and kid's love her so much. She saw us like family. To her family and friends take it one day at time. she will be well missed. Every birthday, every holiday, we giving a lil gift. we texting making sure each other ok. Lord im goin to my sweet Mrs. Tommie 😞😞😞 My mommy moved with me and Mrs tommie brought her in just like us to her family aswell. How's Easter ?where's Easter? if my mom not on that porch. Mrs Tommie u will truly be miss.I promise cortez and I will look after Mr. Wayne. Miss u already 😞💔



Natalie Nixon and CortezNixon neighbor - April 08 at 09:42 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Tommie Davis Lowery.



April 08 at 09:02 PM

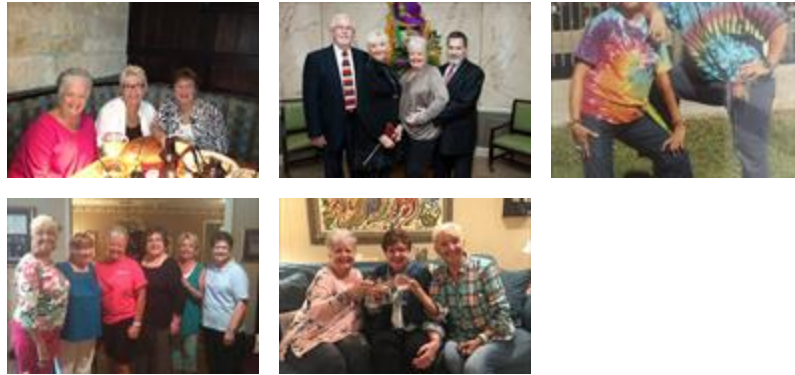


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommie Davis Lowery.

April 08 at 09:02 PM

MW

“ *She always lifted me up!! Tommie was a special person full of fun! The memories of our living on the coast, and of course, our weddings. I will never forget her* ❤️



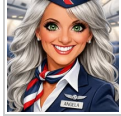
Martha Withrow - April 08 at 07:17 PM

MW

“ *This is such sad news. Others always knew when Tommie entered a room. Her smile, her kindness will be the thing I remember the most. Wayne, I know the hurt & pain you are going through, we lost our 45 year old son in 2021 to the exact same glioblastoma. I am presently using his cell as it reminds me of him everyday. God has just received a special person. She might even start a cheerleading squad. God Bless you & your family...*

Mike Warren 1963

Mike Warren - April 08 at 02:29 PM



Wayne, Amber and Brittany, I can not believe this incredibly sad news. Your mom was always one of my most favorites. She lit up every room she entered and was not only a kind heart but a beautiful person inside and out. Heaven just got sweeter when she entered those gates. I so wish I could be there to celebrate her beautiful life with you all. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers as you make your way through these difficult days. The only positive in this challenging time is the knowledge that we will see her (and all of our loved ones that left us too soon) again one day. Hugs and prayers to you all. ✨🙏

Angela Griffin - April 08 at 10:28 PM

MB

“ Tommie was the best! She was my sister in law but more like a sister. She was always encouraging and so much fun. I loved her dearly and look forward to joining her in heaven. She will be missed! Prayers for Wayne, Amber, Brittany and all the family 🙏

Martha Brewer - April 08 at 02:26 PM

GV

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



gabby viner - April 08 at 01:57 PM

CB

Great pics you, Grace and MiMi -LOVE!

cindy bourque - April 08 at 02:32 PM

KB

Great pictures guys of you all ain't Tommy will be missed so much with her laughter and smiles and her love my condolences for Aunt Tommy I pray for all her kin and Friends and family

Kenneth Brewer - April 08 at 09:00 PM

JN

“ *Tommie was truly one of a kind. As a lifelong friend she was always ready with a smile and a kind word - someone who made this world a much better place to live. If you were lucky enough to know her you were beyond blessed.*
Our deepest condolences to the Lowery, Miller & Williams families.
May God bless you all with comfort and peace.
James & Wanda Nichols

James Nichols - April 08 at 01:24 PM

JB

“ *Our prayers for the family and friends are to find comfort, strength, and peace. We are sorry for your loss.*
Condolences,
Janie and Ronnie Butts



janie butts - April 08 at 01:14 PM

WC

Much love and sadness from Col.Reb. Many years with her and Wayne. Prayers to all. She was special.

Wyatt Collins - April 08 at 02:53 PM

JB

“ Jeffrey and Sharon Bradley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Tommie Davis Lowery.



Jeffrey and Sharon Bradley - April 08 at 12:19 PM

WM

“ With love, George and Carmel Miller purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Tommie Davis Lowery.



With love, George and Carmel Miller - April 08 at 12:13 PM

WM

“ With love, George and Carmel Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommie Davis Lowery.

With love, George and Carmel Miller - April 08 at 12:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tommie Davis Lowery.



April 08 at 10:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tommie Davis Lowery.

April 08 at 10:53 AM



“ Tommie will always be remembered as the most liked person you could know. She was a sweet neighbor who always had a wave and happy smile as she would pass by. Praying for God's peace and comfort during this time.

Amy Williams - April 08 at 10:52 AM



“ ❤️ love and prayers 🙏 for the Lowery family. Tommie was such a joy to know-funny, positive and loving. She loved her family and friends dearly. I know the void will be great. Remembering you in the grief as ahead. Sharon Barham

Sharon Barham - April 08 at 09:51 AM



“ Tommie Lowery had such happy spirit and contagious smile! She will be missed.

B. J. Meche - April 08 at 02:03 AM



“ Momma I miss you! I love you! Thank you for being the greatest mom of my 43 years!!!! See you when Jesus is ready for me!

Brittany Williams - April 07 at 09:31 PM

CB

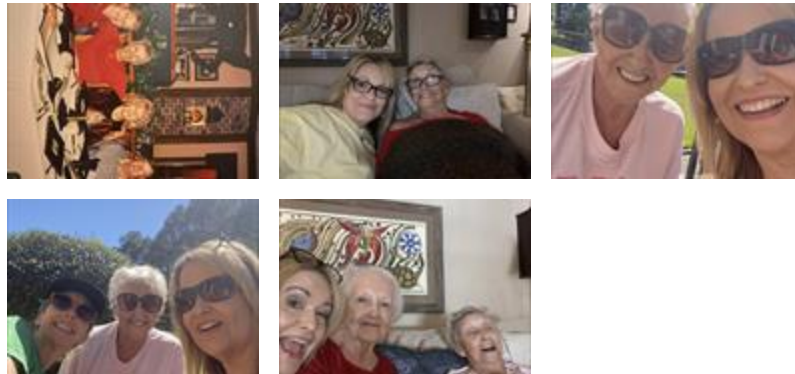
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Cindy Morris Bourque - April 07 at 09:19 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Cindy Morris Bourque - April 07 at 02:12 PM

CB

“ *Tommie Lowery was many things to many people wife, mom, grandmother (MiMi), friend, but to me she was my Aunt Tommie for several years I was her only niece. She was one of a kind. She was one of the most incredible, loving, positive, Christ like, spunky and influential people in my life. She is leaving a VOID that will never be filled. Rejoice in the Lord, until we see you again. ALL MY LOVE.*

Cindy Morris Bourque (daughter of Phyllis Lowery-Morris)

Cindy Bourque - April 07 at 01:25 PM

GV

“ *My Mimi had a such a bright light and loved everyone even if you didn't know her. I am her 4th grandchild and she will always be missed. Fly high my sweet Mimi!* 💕💕💕

gabby viner - April 07 at 01:02 PM