



Velma Ann Graves Rose

July 29, 1931 - April 4, 2016

Velma Ann Graves Rose was born on July 29, 1931 to Thomas Canon Graves and Velma Barnes Graves of the Hebron Community. She attended Hebron School, then high school and junior college at Jones County Junior College. It was at JCJC where she met the love of her life, Willard Ray Rose, Sr. He said that she was the prettiest and sweetest girl he had ever seen, and still was. Ann and Willard were blessed with 64 years of marriage. She passed away from this earth at home, on her way to her eternal home in Glory!

Ann was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Tom Graves of the Hebron Community, Benjamin Graves and sister-in-law, Hazeline of Huntsville, AL; sisters: Elizabeth June Graves of the Hebron Community, Jayme Doris Sims and brother-in-law, W. J. Sims of the Sharon Community; and infant sister Emma Jean Graves.

Ann is survived by her husband, Willard Ray Rose, Sr.; 4 children: Willard Ray Rose, Jr., Deborah Rose Pitts (Tony), Laura Rose Fitzgerald (Frankie) and Richard Douglas Rose (Rita). She is also survived by 12 grandchildren: Heather Halley (Jeremiah), Ashlee Shiver (Jared), Nilrey Rose, Wayne Pitts (Lori), Jennifer Pitts, Courtney Pogue (Aaron), Sara Freeman (Cody), David Rose, Daniel Rose, Allison Smith (Scott), Ryan Reid (Kayce), and Derek Reid (Casey). She is also survived by 17 great-grandchildren: Cooper Reid, Lyssa

Halley, Isabelle Halley, Gracie Shiver, Emma Shiver, Isabelle Pitts, Reece Pogue, Brylan Pogue, Cora Freeman, AnnaKate Rose, Preston Smith, Sawyer Smith, Foxx Reid, Cass Reid, Finn Reid, Fischer Reid, and Tate Reid. Other survivors include a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and very dear friends.

Ann was a lady of many talents. She taught school at Hebron Community School prior to her and Willard's marriage. Afterwards, she followed him to his airline jobs in Mobile, AL where Ray and Debbie were born and in Huntsville, AL where Laura was born. They later returned to the Hebron Community to help with Ann's parents in the dairy farm. During this time, Richard was born in Laurel, MS. Some years later, Ann went to work at Headrick's Furniture and then Dixie Electric, where she retired at the age of 62 after having a heart attack. They had moved to the NEJ community during this where all their children graduated high school. And their last move and home was to Covington County. She was a wonderful cook and truly loved cooking favorite dishes for her family and friends. She liked to read, travel, and garden flowers and vegetables.

She was a member of Lowery Creek Baptist Church. Most of all she will be remembered for her Christian love and kindness to everyone. Many have said she was an angel sent from God and the sweetest lady ever. She was a loyal mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Funeral arrangements are: Visitation Wednesday, April 6 from 5:00 – 8:00p.m. at Memory Chapel in Laurel and Funeral Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Lowery Creek Baptist Church. Graveside service will follow at the Hebron Cemetery. Visitation will also be at the church on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Pallbearers will be Grandsons Wayne Pitts, David Rose, Daniel Rose and nephews Phil Sims, Tommy Sims and Paul Sims, Honorary Pallbearers will be Bobby Acord, Jim Rose and Russell Rose.

The family would like to express their appreciation and thanks to Dr. Jack Evans with Laurel Family Clinic and to Dr. Joseph Proli and Ken with the Heart Care Center for their loving care and concern during this time.

To sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hebron Cemetery

43 Hebron Centerville Road
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lowery Creek Baptist Church
3862 Monroe Rd
Seminary, MS 39479

Tribute Wall

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“ I was fortunate and blessed to have known Ann. She was a wonderful woman with one of the kindest hearts. I loved her cooking and learned from her as a very young woman. I can still remember her laughter, and she loved to laugh. She will be dearly missed by all who loved and knew her. I am glad to be included in that special group of people. Joyce Peters

JOYCE PETERS - April 08, 2016 at 01:57 PM

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“ When our son, Jared Shiver, married her granddaughter, Ashlee we met the most wonderful, caring, sharing and loving family. Memaw as well as the rest made us feel like part of the family. I know she will be very much missed. We are thankful for the time we had knowing her. We will be praying for all the family. Love Earlean and Speedy Shiver

Earlean Shiver - April 06, 2016 at 12:48 PM

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“ Bobby & Debra Acord purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Velma Ann Graves Rose.



Bobby & Debra Acord - April 06, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Velma Ann Graves Rose.*



April 06, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *I've never known a more loving and kind Christian lady. She will be missed by so many. Dianne Mcgee.*

Dianne Mcgee - April 06, 2016 at 07:15 AM



“ *I have so many special memories of Mrs. Rose while working with her at Dixie Electric - too many to count. She was so very special to me and truly one of the sweetest people I have ever known. Heaven has gained a very special angel. I'm praying for everyone in her sweet family.*

Melinda Padgett - April 05, 2016 at 09:40 PM



“ *Ann has to have been one of the loveliest ladies I've known--she was the epitome of a Southern lady who loved her Lord and who loved her family. She will be sorely missed!
Love to her dear family,
Gregg & Shirley Hilton*

shirley hilton - April 05, 2016 at 06:47 PM