



## Walterine Hurtt Rahaim

November 2, 1928 - May 18, 2023

Walterine Hurtt Rahaim, 94, of Laurel passed away peacefully and entered her heavenly home the morning of Thursday, May 18, 2023.

She was born Nov. 2, 1928 to Thomas Jefferson Hurtt, Sr. and Sinnie Victoria Walters Hurtt. She attended Glade High School where she actively participated in her school and her community. One of many star athletes on the varsity basketball team, Mrs. Rahaim won many trophies and championships during her time on the team, and during her last state championship game, she won the best prize she would ever have: meeting the love her life Ernest Elias Rahaim.

Mrs. Rahaim had a long and wonderful career as a nurse for more than 42 years, always setting the best example she could for those around her both in her career and in her home life. She studied and trained at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, La. and continued her training at Charity Hospital in Laurel, Ms., and practiced at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, Ms. Mrs. Rahaim thought so highly of the physicians and friends she worked with and was a bright light to all of her patients and friends alike.

She was a true friend to everyone who knew her. She could make you feel so comfortable and make anyone feel loved enough to share their feelings and emotions with her. She never met a stranger and always put God and her

family before herself. Most of her time was spent in the kitchen doing what she loved most: cooking for her family and loved ones. Like everything she did, she put hard work and grit into learning how to cook and eventually, according to her family and friends, Sitti (the Lebanese word for grandmother and how she was known to her family) became one of the best cooks around. To Ernest and her, food was a huge part of community, as well as faith and family, which they proudly passed on to her children and grandchildren over the years.

Time passes and memories remain. Sitti was one of a kind and will always be a huge part of our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas Jeffereson Hurtt, Sr. and Sinnie Victoria Walters Hurt; her loving husband of 64 years Ernest Elias Rahaim of Laurel; her brothers Thomas Hurtt, Ray Hurtt and Thomas Jefferson (TJ) Hurtt of Laurel; and her sister Ava Lee Thornton Anderson of Ellisville.

She is survived by her son Ernest Richard "Ricky" Rahaim (Cynthia) of Heidelberg; her daughter Roma Rose Rahaim Graham (Rick) of Hattiesburg; her grandchildren Dax Rahaim Richmond Graham, Maria Gabrielle Rahaim Graham both of Hattiesburg; Charlie Thrash and Heath Thrash; her great-grandchild Andrew Thrash; her niece Judy Smith of Laurel and a host of other nieces and nephews all of whom she loved very dearly.

A special thanks to her caregivers Alisa Burgess, Michelle Hilbun and the team at Forrest General Hospice.

The family would appreciate any donations be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Pallbearers will be Jason Smith, Pat O'Donnell, Ricky Rahaim, Paul Elias, Dax Graham, Gathain Fertitta.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel Funeral Home Monday, May 22, 2023 from 5-7:30 p.m. with a rosary to follow for anyone who wishes to pray with the family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Laurel the following morning, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. with an hour visitation at the church at 9 a.m. prior to the mass for anyone wishing to pay respects. Fr. Tommy Conway and Fr. Ignacio Jimenez will concelebrate the mass.

Internment will immediately follow mass at Hickory Grove Cemetery located behind Wal-Mart.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 5:00 PM - 7:30 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/>

## Rosary

**MAY 22.** 7:30 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
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## Visitation

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MAY 23. 9:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
833 W Sixth Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

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MAY 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
833 W Sixth Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walterine Hurtt Rahaim.* ”



May 22, 2023 at 12:40 PM



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May 22, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Walterine's passing. She always had a smile on her face and was a joy to be around. My sincere condolences to my dear cousins Ricky and Roma.* ”

**Sara Champion** - May 21, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *Mrs Rahaim and my grandmother Emma Lee Jordan (pug) were very good friends and worked together many years she was a special lady so sorry for your loss* ”

**Brian Jordan** - May 20, 2023 at 10:46 PM

SV

*I worked with both Emma and Walt in the OR. What two very special ladies. Period. Sharon Vincent.*

Sharon Vincent - May 21, 2023 at 11:58 AM

SV

*Condolences for loss of this very special woman and friend. I have so many memories of her! David and Sharon Vincent.*

Sharon Vincent - May 21, 2023 at 12:00 PM

EF

“*Oh, such a fun-loving, smart, and delightful lady. My dear cousin/aunt. I will miss you. I've missed you at the last few family gatherings. Not the same without your smiles, hugs, and laughter. Sweet Jesus is holding you now.*”

Elaine R Fuerst - May 20, 2023 at 10:05 PM

JO

“*I am so very sorry. She was always so kind, encouraging, and would help in any way. Prayers will continue for you all.*”

Jamie O'Quinn - May 19, 2023 at 09:18 PM