



## Betty Patrick

December 13, 1930 - February 8, 2025

Betty Patrick passed away February 8, 2025. The service will be 2pm Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with burial at Gatesville Cemetery. The visitation will be 1pm-2pm Tuesday at the church. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Patrick was always a hard worker all her life and gardener -- hoeing long rows of vegetables -- but as her strength and energy began to lag with age -- she often said "the row I have been hoeing has been long and hard but I am beginning to see the end" She got to the end and is resting now -- she finished the row. She loved her kids supremely and would whip a bandsaw and it agoing in their defense. She would sacrifice anything for their care and provision. Lavern was the love of her life and God reunited them on his birthday.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lavern Patrick, and daughter, Maila Beth Barlow. She is survived by her children, Lavern Michael Patrick (Marilyn) of Onida, SD; Robert Allen Patrick (Gloria) of Crystal Springs; Tammy P. Lewis of Crystal Springs; son-in-law, Charles Barlow of Star, MS; 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Gatesville Cemetery

3162 Gatesville Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
2194 White Road  
Florence, MS 39073

# Tribute Wall

“ Remembrance of Betty Patrick – A Servant’s Heart of the Lord

*I first met Mrs. Betty Patrick in February 1978, and married the daughter of Lavern and Betty Patrick, Beth, in June of 1978. From the beginning, Mrs. Patrick impressed me by having the heart of a servant. Mrs. Patrick was an accomplished seamstress, as she made Beth’s wedding dress, and also the dress for Mrs. Judy Nichols, the matron of honor for the wedding. During the engagement, Mrs. Patrick also demonstrated her haircutting/hairdresser skills by cutting my hair before the wedding.*

*Through the years Mrs. Patrick continued to demonstrate the heart of a servant by the many ways she served her family. I heard many stories of how Mrs. Patrick contributed to various needs of her family, including the raising of pigs. Mrs. Patrick was a faithful mother in helping to meet the needs of her children. Mrs. Patrick was known for her large gardens. She was also an exceptional southern cook, and she nearly always made “cheese pie” a cheese spaghetti dish grandchild Grace and I particularly enjoyed eating. Mrs. Patrick was a faithful wife through the years, and she was also a loving servant in taking care of her husband Lavern, who passed in September 1991.*

*In 1993 Mrs. Patrick provided funds to aid Beth and myself in the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land of Israel. I am so thankful we got to make that trip before Beth got sick.*

*From 1999 through 2011 Mrs. Patrick again showed her servant spirit during the ovarian cancer illness of Beth before her going to heaven in August 2011. Mrs. Patrick provided many meals, transportation to chemo and doctors, and helped provide much encouragement throughout those years.*

*Mrs. Patrick continued to show her servant spirit as she both encouraged me to remarry and warmly accepted my second wife, Nancy, as if she was another daughter-in-law.*

*Mrs. Patrick had trusted Jesus as her Savior and Lord after hearing the Gospel at a school assembly in Crystal Springs as a teenager. She faithfully served the Lord and was a witness about her Lord through her life. In later years Mrs. Patrick had to eventually give up bush hogging with her tractor and raising her large gardens. She was still hospitable as much as possible to friends and family at every opportunity. She was a true Proverbs 31 woman and a wonderful faithful mother-in-law.*

*Charles S. "Sandy" Barlow, son-in-law of Betty Patrick*

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**Charles S. "Sandy" Barlow** - February 16, 2025 at 01:41 PM