



## Carol Puryear Ford

January 22, 1949 - September 23, 2021

The Ole Miss Rebels have a new angel on their side. Carol Puryear Ford, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and teacher, passed away on September 23, 2021, at the age of 72.

Carol was born January 22, 1949, and grew up in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. She attended Hazlehurst High School, the University of Mississippi, and Mississippi College. She taught math for 42 years, spending most of her career at Copiah Academy in Gallman and Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

Carol's deep love for her family, friends, and grandchildren in particular could never be matched and will always be cherished. She was devoted in all ways to her family, but her care and generosity didn't stop there. She gave of her time freely to anyone who needed her, always just a phone call away with good advice, support, and a way of listening that put you at ease.

We will remember Carol's laugh, her kindness, and her joy for life. Many will remember her as their favorite teacher; she was committed to supporting her students and helping them love math as much as she did. She was a card shark, spending many Sunday afternoons playing cards with her family and, later, bridge with her friends. She loved to dance, travel, and entertain, but nothing came close to her love of Ole Miss.

Carol is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Frank; three children, Jason (Miranda) of Knoxville, Tennessee; Emily (Derek) of Brandon; Shelby (Ashley) of Olive Branch; six grandchildren, Avah (15), Ryleigh (13), Addison (11), Reece (10), Ford (5), and Lila (11 months); grand-dogs, Bella, Ty, and Jaxon; sister, Linda Rainer (Mike); brother, Lamar Puryear III; brothers-in-law, Dr. Bob Ford (Judy); Norman Ford (Kathryn); Keith Ford (Sherri); and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Julia Goodman Puryear; her father, Dr. Lamar "Bully" Puryear; her sister, Cynthia; and her sister-in-law, Shelia Puryear.

Visitation will be held Sunday, September 26, from 4-6 pm and Monday, September 27, at 10 am. Her funeral will be held Monday, September 27, at 11 am. All services will be held at the Hazlehurst United Methodist Church. Graveside to follow at the Hazlehurst Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

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# Cemetery Details

## Hazlehurst Cemetery

Sinclare St.  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hazlehurst Methodist Church  
127 Caldwell Dr  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083  
(601) 894-1709

## Memorial Service

SEP **27.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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127 Caldwell Dr  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Puryear Ford*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Linda, I am heartbroken for all of you. I have such wonderful memories of Carol and our Tri Delt years together and visiting in your home in Hazlehurst with your sweet parents. Please know that you and all of Carol's family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead. May God give you the peace, strength, and comfort that only He can give.*  
*Helen (Herrington) Hancock*

**Helen Hancock** - September 30, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Puryear Ford.*



September 27, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Puryear Ford.*



September 26, 2021 at 03:56 AM



“ My condolences to the family. Carol and I taught on what was then the western hall of the high school building at Copiah Academy. She was a true professional, but, even more, a wonderful person-friend, leader, mentor. I often heard talk her of Jason, Emily, Shelby, and Frank. I cannot imagine the loss you are experiencing. We laughed often at the antics of students, but she was never unkind or disrespectful in the stories she shared. I loved listening to her and Linda discuss their teen years od speak of those they knew as teens--alwys the laughter. The world who knew Carol will miss her.

Dorothy A. Day - September 25, 2021 at 07:12 PM

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“ I moved to Brandon my senior year (Class of 76) with inadequate math skills from being told I was not good at math. Imagine my horror when I discovered I would have to take Alegebra II in order to have enough credits to graduate. Enter: Miss Puryear. She stayed after school to tutor me as many days as I needed. I went from F first six weeks to ending the year with a B+. She was a wonderful hero to me. I have never forgotten her or her kindness. To the family: my deepest sympathies on your indescribable loss. My prayers are with you at this time! She was a very special person indeed!!!!

Carol Taylor Halverson - September 25, 2021 at 06:01 PM

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“ Mrs. Ford was my Algebra II teacher my senior year at Brandon Acafemy. What a loving and gracious lady! I can tell she will be greatly missed!



Cathy Pennington - September 25, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol Puryear Ford.*



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September 25, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*  
*- Perry and Wanda*



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**Wanda Wilds** - September 25, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Puryear Ford.*



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September 25, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Carol Puryear Ford.*



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September 24, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol Puryear Ford.*



September 24, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Sandra Cliburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Puryear Ford*



**Sandra Cliburn** - September 24, 2021 at 09:14 PM



*Much Love, Many Prayers..Our Hearts Go Out To Ya'll John 14...*

*Sandra Cliburn  
Freddie Cliburn*

**Sandra Cliburn** - September 24, 2021 at 09:19 PM



*My condolences and prayers to her family.*

**Janice Tanner Butler** - September 25, 2021 at 12:26 AM



*Prayers For Her Family*

**sue marx** - September 25, 2021 at 01:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Carol. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Char Rehak

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**char rehak** - September 24, 2021 at 07:58 PM