



## Jeanell Hayes

October 22, 1943 - January 7, 2022

Jeanell Hayes, 78, passed away January 7, 2022 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. Visitation will be 9am-11am Monday at New Zion Baptist Church. Service will be 11am Monday at New Zion Baptist Church with burial at New Zion Cemetery. Bro. Webb Armstrong is officiating. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Hayes was born in Eudora, AR in 1943. Even as a child she always wanted to be a teacher. After earning her own degree in education, she began her career teaching and helping students earn their degree. Over the years she has taught thousands of students and taught in various school districts. She spent the last 18 years of her career teaching in the Copiah County School District where she earned the nickname "Busy Bee" from her beloved colleagues because she was always on the go. After her retirement, she loved to travel with her close friends including cruise destinations to Alaska and Hawaii. She truly loved her family and friends and will be dearly missed. She was a special lady and touched and changed the lives of many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hebron Clarence and Violet Steward Runnels, and brothers, Clyde Kenneth Runnels and Ronnie Dean Runnels.

She is survived by her sons, Jamie Hayes (Holly) of Azle, TX, Jeff Hayes of

Olive Branch, and Joseph Hayes (Amanda) of Picayune; brother, Richard Runnels of Monroe, LA; and 2 grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Zion Baptist Church  
12023 New Zion Rd  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1246

## Funeral

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanell Hayes*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Dena Chapman lit a candle in memory of Jeanell Hayes*



**Dena Chapman** - January 10, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeanell Hayes.*



January 08, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *I will miss my traveling buddy and we solved the problems of the world with our bedtime talks. Number #1 for her in the world was her family. May God bless and strengthen you each and every day is my heartfelt wish.*

**Karen Adams** - January 07, 2022 at 09:09 PM

PO

“ I'll miss her special smile but I think I'll miss her hugs more!  
Thankful to know you are totally and completely healed and forever  
in His presence!

Pat Ogle - January 07, 2022 at 06:47 PM

TS

“ She was a wonderful Christian lady who  
always smiled. She was an inspiration for me.  
RiP Janelle.

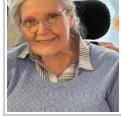


Tammy Stowe - January 07, 2022 at 06:44 PM

RW

How very blessed we all were to know and love you and have you love  
us in return. You were Sam's first Sunday School teacher and he  
adored you. You were such a blessing to us all. So many wonderful  
memories with Dan and Sam and your boys together eating pizza and  
staying out of trouble! God bless Jeff, Jamie and Joseph. You and your  
mama are truly loved!❤️

Raye Jean Wilson - January 07, 2022 at 08:47 PM



*The world was. better because she was in it. If someone claims to her best friend, he. or she did not know Jeanell. Jesus was/is her best friend, and she probably won more souls for him by stating that than others win who ask if someone knows the Lord. She was a role model as a Christian, as a friend, as a teacher, as a mother, and as a grandmother, she did give the best hugs – she just enveloped people and let them know she cared. She enjoyed life and probably would want others to enjoy a close life with Jesus, with family, and with friends. Without your mom, Jeff Jamie and Joseph, it will take more effort to get together as a family. Do make the effort and maintain closeness.*

*Look at the old song, "Like a river, glorious." This is where she is. Jeanell, I am glad you filled your life with the people and activities that matter. We will miss you. We will see you again!*

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**Dorothy A. Day** - January 08, 2022 at 11:46 AM

CB

*I enjoyed being in Jeanell's class in high school We had lots of fun together and I am sorry she is gone. Charlotte Haley Baine*

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**Charlotte Haley Baine** - January 11, 2022 at 08:26 PM