



Joan Ellen Dear

October 13, 1942 - March 14, 2024

Joan Ellen Dear, 81, passed away at Copiah County Medical Center March 14, 2024. A memorial service will be 10am-12pm, March 30, 2024 at Hopewell Baptist Church. Stringer Family Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Dear, a native of Rolling Fork, MS, was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church where she loved all her church family and helped raise all the kids in the Hopewell community. She loved reading, cooking and shopping for knickknacks, especially angels, but most of all, she loved being a homemaker and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bracie L. Kelly and Johnnie Mae Morgan Kelly; brothers, Thomas Kelly and Ray Kelly.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Lynn Lay (Tom); son, Billy Traxler, Jr. (Christy); brother, Richard Kelly; sister, Billie Ruth Sullivan; grandchildren, Ginia Eady Hollis (Brock), Jamie Eady Kees (James); Courtney Traxler Worthy (Drew) and Ryan Traxler (Anna); great grandchildren, Langston Hollis, Windham Hollis, Eady Claire Hollis, Wyatt Kees, Taylor Grace Traxler, Parker Hudson, Hadlee Worthy and Jaxson Traxler.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

1007 Old Highway 27 Rd 2
Crystal Springs , MS 39059

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hopewell Baptist Church
2002 Hopewell Rd
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Shannon, Tammy and Meg Watts purchased the *Guiding Light Bouquet* for the family of Joan Ellen Dear.



Shannon, Tammy and Meg Watts - March 28, 2024 at 12:44 PM

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“ Shannon, Tammy and Meg Watts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Ellen Dear.

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DH

“ Joan was the typical cousin growing up...fun and kind to all her cousins. She seemed to always have a smile. She'll be missed!

Denny Hydrick - March 17, 2024 at 07:15 AM

BS

“ She was always ready to help anyone. She loved her children, Grandchildren and great Grandchildren more than words can ever tell. She gave so much! I remember a business owner had a big sale and of course she went! She bought every purse the person had left (i think it was about 20 or more) the back of her SUV was Full!! She handed them out to anyone that wanted one that she was in contact with! Worked for Hopewell Baptist Church anyway needed. None of us are perfect and neither was she, but she did more good than people will ever remember. She was loved, she will be missed, but we have so many wonderful memories of her!❤️

Billie Sullivan - March 15, 2024 at 04:18 PM

PP

I have so many memories of Joan she is precious.
I remember all about her.
We had our great times together.
We had our share of good times and bad times .
We shared each other's secrets.
We laughed a lot.
I love you much Joan❤️

Phyllis Kelly Patterson - March 15, 2024 at 07:51 PM

JB

I was blessed to be her pastor for many years. One of many memories was when she found out my wife liked a dish that she brought to a church dinner and without any hesitation, she ordered her the whole set of pots. That was the heart of sister Joan. She will be missed. The family will be in our prayers in days to come.

Jimmy Bryant - March 16, 2024 at 10:17 AM