



Lavonne Sanders

May 29, 1944 - March 27, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Lavonne Surratt Sanders, 81, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away on March 27, 2026. A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.

Lavonne was born on May 29, 1944 in Searcy, AR. She grew up attending Berclair Baptist Church in Memphis, and attended college at Memphis State, now known as University of Memphis. Before her retirement, Lavonne owned and operated her own office supply company, S and H Office Products. She and her husband, Wendell, were members of First Baptist Church of Nesbit. In her free time, she enjoyed doing window treatments and sewing; growing up, she often made her own clothing.

Lavonne was preceded in death by her husband, James "Wendell" Sanders; parents, Myrtle Wallace Surratt and father, Otis Surratt.

Lavonne is survived by her cousins, Doris Schaibley of Peoria, AZ, Ricky Wallace of Bald Knob, AR; and close friends, Blenda Candler, Pat Humphries, and Glenda Gail Dixon.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of traditional flowers, donations may be made in Lavonne Sanders's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or to First Baptist Church of Nesbit (www.fbcnesbit.org).

Online condolences may be made on her tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Tribute Wall



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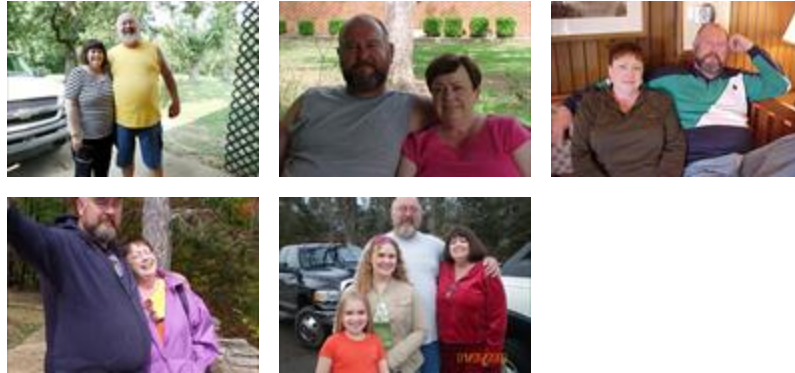
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“ As a second cousin to Lavonne, I will remember Lavonne fondly because in 1977 my family took a 3 week trip across the country from New Jersey to Nevada. We took Route 80 all the way to Nevada and stopped to see different landmarks along the way. It took about 5 days to get to Nevada. We stayed there for another week or so, and then made our way back to New Jersey, but this time traveling the southern route (I believe Route 40) to allow us to go to Memphis. I was excited to meet my cousin, because my mother had told me so many funny stories about her. We got to Memphis a couple of days after Elvis Presley passed away. The city was in mourning. Lavonne was intent on taking us to Graceland, and I remember being there with her at 2:00 AM. The streets were filled with people and there were flowers everywhere Lavonne wanted to share her hometown with us, and also to mourn the loss of a person that she loved and had great respect for; and she wanted to share that part of herself and history with us. I remember her infectious laugh and her incredible smile. Rest in peace, Lavonne. We love you.

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