



## Bernece Bowie Davis

April 7, 1935 - February 15, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Bernece Bowie Davis, 90, passed away at her home on February 15, 2026 surrounded by her loved ones.

A visitation will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 starting at 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford (601 Commerce Parkway Oxford, MS, 38655). A funeral service will immediately follow on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. also in the chapel of Coleman Funeral Home with Bro. Issac Jenkins officiating.

Bernece was born April 7, 1935, to the late Virgil Eugene Bowie and Katie Margaret Sandlin Bowie in Halls, TN. She was the youngest of four children.

Bernece graduated from Halls High School in 1953 and soon after she moved to Memphis where she was employed by AT&T. It was then she met her future husband, James E. Davis on a visit to the Mid-South Fair. They were married in August of 1958 and drove directly to Anchorage, AK afterward. She was involved in several businesses with her husband and had three sons while in Alaska. The family moved to Oxford in 1966.

Bee, as she was lovingly known by her grandchildren, played USTA tennis

and bowled for many years. She enjoyed her pool and tending flowers in her yard. Peonies, irises, and buttercups were her favorites. She found joy in sharing them with friends and family, as well as in making arrangements for the church.

She was a longtime member of St. Andrews UMC and Mt. Zion Church and she also attended the annual Methodist Campground Meeting.

Bernece is survived by her two sons, Kendall Davis (Corese) of Oxford, MS, and Lee Davis (Phyllis) of Brandon, MS; her five granddaughters, Jamie Carr of Oxford, Alexa Byrd (Nathan) of Brandon, Austin Davis of Oxford, Sterling Davis of Oxford, and Corley Beth Davis of Salt Lake City, UT; her grandson, James Davis (Michelle) of Pensacola, FL; and her five great-grandchildren, William Carr, Olivia Carr, Avery Lee Byrd, Henry Davis, and Addison Byrd.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James “Jim” Edmund Davis; her son, James R. Davis; her parents, Virgil E. Bowie and Katie Sandlin Bowie; and her three brothers, James, Bernell and Lindell Bowie.

The family would also like to express their gratitude to her amazing caregivers April Buford, Shelia Wooten, Betty White, Tiffany Clayton, and Tracey Bean.

The staff at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is honored to serve the family during this challenging season of life. Condolences may be expressed online on her Tribute wall at [www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery

CR 225  
Oxford, MS 38655

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (Ct)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford  
601 Commerce Parkway  
Oxford, MS 38655  
(662) 234-3900  
info@colemanfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.colemanfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

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FEB **23** (CT)

Mt. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery  
CR 225  
Oxford, MS 38655

# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Bernece Bowie Davis

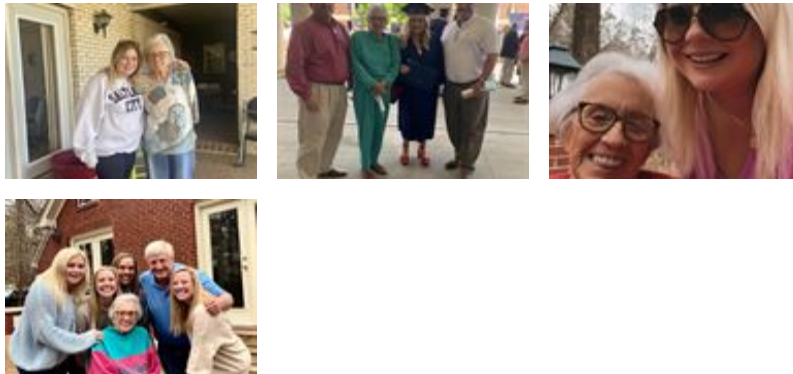


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**Coleman Funeral Home** - February 21 at 03:03 PM



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - February 23 at 10:36 AM

DD

“ Thinking of you all during this time and sending our prayers. Love, Aunt Patsy, Lynne, Debra & Stan and families



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**Debra Danley** - February 22 at 08:51 PM

DL

*So sorry for your loss! Praying for peace for you all!*

DeeAnn Linton - February 28 at 09:49 PM



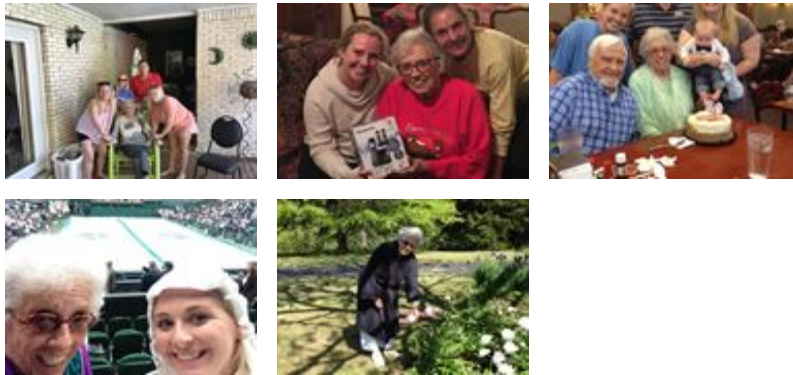
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Coleman Funeral Home - February 21 at 03:02 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Coleman Funeral Home - February 20 at 04:14 PM

TL

“ Trevor and Caroline Land purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Bernece Bowie Davis.



Trevor and Caroline Land - February 19 at 05:22 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernece Bowie Davis.



February 19 at 12:25 PM

TT

“ The Sundberg's and Tollerson's purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Bernece Bowie Davis.



The Sundberg's and Tollerson's - February 19 at 12:07 PM

KR

“ I remember visiting my Aunt Bernece in Oxford many times in my earlier years. My siblings and I loved going out to her and Uncle Jimmy's house to play in the pool. I haven't been back, or seen her in a long time, but I know that she was very good to my brother Wes, and for that I will always appreciate her. - Karen

Karen Hatcher Richard - February 19 at 08:14 AM

AF

“ *All The Cefalu's & Banks Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bernece Bowie Davis.*



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**All The Cefalu's & Banks Family** - February 18 at 06:55 PM

JH

“ *Bee was my Cub Scout leader in 1967, along with classmate James, when they lived in town on Davis Dr. She was the best! One day when my parents picked me up, accompanied with my brother in the back seat, Mr. Davis came out to the car, and politely asked if he could have a word with me dad for a minute. When Dad returned to the car, he announced, "Alright from now on, you boys have to say yes and no sir or ma'am to all adults!"*

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**James Harwell** - February 18 at 05:38 PM