



Debra Vaughan Jennings

November 10, 1951 - August 31, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mrs. Debra Vaughan Jennings, 71, passed away Thursday, August 31, 2023, at Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo, MS. Visitation will be Friday, September 8, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford (601 Commerce Pkwy., Oxford, MS 38655). A memorial service will immediately follow also at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford. Bro. Steve Quarles will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jennings was born on November 10, 1951, in Greenville, MS. She was such a loving and compassionate person and proudly worked as an administrator for the Western Line School District in Avon, MS from 1991 to 2004. She then transferred to work at the Lafayette County school system in 2004 until ultimately retiring in 2019. Throughout her years there, she was a member of many different organizations within the school system and the community. She was also a proud member of College Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Jennings was known to be an incredibly supportive woman who had the tendency to always put others before herself. She worked relentlessly to help others and those she cared about. She set an example throughout the life she lived for her family, teaching them the importance of love, patience, and staying family-oriented. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and

her family was always her true pride and joy. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Jennings is survived by her loving husband, Rabun "Ray" Jennings of Oxford; her two daughters, Paige (Kevin) Phillips, of Chattanooga, TN, and Kelly (David Dee) Wages of Oxford; her two granddaughters, Caroline Wages and Mallory Wages, both of Oxford; three brothers, Charles (Jo Ann) Vaughan of Charlotte, NC, Billy (Molly) Vaughan of Auburn, GA, and Jerome (Jamie) Vaughan of Clinton, MS; and her sister-in-law, Carolynn (Jim) Arnold of Oxford.

Mrs. Jennings was preceded in death by her parents, John T. Vaughan and Juanita Kitchens Vaughan; and one brother, John T. Vaughan, Jr.

Donations and memorials in honor of Mrs. Debra Vaughan Jennings may be made to the Sanctuary Hospice House (www.sanctuaryhospicehouse.com).

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Debra Vaughan Jennings



Coleman Funeral Home - September 05, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Debra Vaughan Jennings



Coleman Funeral Home - September 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

WQ

“ My family and I have a lifetime of happy memories with Debra, from the old days in Glen Allan when we visited my Aunt Willie, to watching our young children play together, many family gatherings, and on to recent years when, as old folks, we took short trips to Branson and the Gulf Coast. There was always so much laughter and fun! Years ago, she helped my little girl to learn to play Spades, and my sons fondly remember her kindness to them as kids, and when they visited as young adults, as well.

My parents, "Uncle Felton" and "Aunt Winifred", loved Debra very much, too. They enjoyed a picnic in Glen Allan with Aunt Willie, Ray, Debra, and Baby PJ, during which my 70-year old mother had a blast taking a ride on Ray's motorcycle!

Our Bingham and Jennings families have been so blessed by God's love, and Debra has been a blessing to everyone who knew her.

Winnie Bingham Quinzi

Winnie Bingham Quinzi - September 07, 2023 at 02:11 PM

JV

“ I'm Debra's baby (and favorite!) brother. :)
When I was little, she devoted a lot of her time looking after me. We played cards and games, and she protected me from my older brothers that weren't so nice to me all the time back then. (They know who they are!) She taught me to play Rummy, and we'd play for what seemed like hours. My little hands would cramp holding all those cards, and she'd beat the tar out of me, but that didn't matter because I loved being with my dear, sweet Debra. Even when she and Ray were dating, I'd often tag along which, looking back, was probably a condition laid down by our Mama. It's hard to get away with much hanky-panky when your chaperone is an 8-year-old who loves to talk about everything he ever saw/heard!
Debra worked hard (mostly for the benefit of others), but she also loved to laugh. She'd get so tickled that she could not control her unforgettable laughter. Debra and Ray were wonderful parents as well. My wife and I were elated when they agreed to be legal guardians of our minor children should the need arise. That shows how strongly we felt about that.
Debra is now in God's arms and free of her limited earthly body. If it's even possible, I expect Heaven is a little sweeter and its light is a little brighter now. For some of us left here, there will always be a hole in our hearts since she is gone. However, that empty space in my heart will warm up a bit every time I think of that beautiful smiling face, that crazy laugh, and all the love that Debra gave to me.

Jerome Vaughan - September 07, 2023 at 09:08 AM

PP



Paige Phillips - September 07, 2023 at 09:19 AM

JV

P.S. Many thanks to Sanctuary Hospice House for taking such good care of my sister...and even more so to Ray, the light of her life. Ray, sir, you are a Real Man, and I am proud to call you brother.

Jerome Vaughan - September 07, 2023 at 09:59 AM

PS

*Ray and family, Freddie, Billy and Jerome y'all have our condolences and prayers during this difficult time. Like you said Jerome you all have wonderful memories of Debra. May God bless you and your families.
Patsy O'Docharty Schumacher*

Pat Schumacher - September 07, 2023 at 05:37 PM

PQ

“ *Patty and Paul Quinzi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debra Vaughan Jennings.*



Patty and Paul Quinzi - September 06, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Coleman Funeral Home - September 06, 2023 at 12:09 PM

TS

“ *My husband and I used to visit Ray and Debra when they lived in Greenville. From the first time that I met her, she treated me like family rather than a friend. She was so gracious and kind to me. So until we walk the streets of gold together, the memories that I have of you will remain in my heart!*

Toni Stone - September 06, 2023 at 11:55 AM

RS

I met Debra and Ray when I was a kid. These two were meant to be together. Debra was always so sweet, kind and fun-loving. Praying for Ray and the family. God Bless y'all!

Randy Stone - September 06, 2023 at 04:33 PM

CA

“ Debra was my sister-in-law but she also was the closest thing to a sister I ever had. I'll never forget the fun we have had over the nearly 60 years which is from their first date. This tribute isn't big enough for me to write all the memories I have. Thank you Debra Sue for touching my life and most of all being the best wife and mother anyone could ever wish for. You will be missed more than I can express.

Carolynn Arnold - September 06, 2023 at 08:54 AM

PH

“ From the time I was a young child our family would always go to visit Debra and her family. Our mothers were sisters and we always had so much fun. I remember the day her and Ray got married. I think it was the first wedding I went to. I will always remember her beautiful smile and her special laugh. Will miss you always and forever. Love, Paula

Paula Hannan - September 05, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Debra Vaughan Jennings.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra Vaughan Jennings.

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“ Some of the best memories from my childhood are with my Mom. She had a way of making small things seem like a big deal. She would take us to McDonald's, let us order whatever we wanted for breakfast, and then sit outside for however long watching us play on the playground. She would take us to the library during the summer, letting us pick out books and then read them to us when we got home. She sat through countless homemade talent shows and beauty pageants, surprising us with prizes like a trip to Baskin Robbins or a meal at (ours and her) favorite restaurant, The Cow Pen. With my Mom, it was always in the details—the details that she knew would make you feel special. She had a competitive nature that could be seen during any board game, backyard badminton tournament, being the first up the ladder to replace a light bulb. She was a light to all that knew her, and I am glad to have that light inside of me.

Paige Phillips - September 05, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ Ray A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Vaughan Jennings.

Ray A. - September 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



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