



## Lila Jo Goolsby

April 14, 2016

Lila Jo Goolsby, 64, died Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oxford, MS.

Born in Oxford, Ms. Goolsby was a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a master's degree in Early Childhood Education. Currently, she was a client associate with Wells Fargo Advisors. Some of the things enjoyed by Ms. Goolsby were cooking, singing and crafting. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Oxford. Ms. Goolsby was proud of her family and took great pleasure in spending time with all of them.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 17, 2016, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home, 601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford, MS with funeral services following at 3:00 p.m. There will be a private committal at Oxford Memorial Cemetery. Bro. Charles Lipe will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her two daughters, Jennifer (Brandon) Benson of Madison, MS and Casey Crane of MS; a sister, Rita Goolsby (Bob) Vasilyev of Oxford, MS; four grandchildren, Gus, Lila, Ethan and Ainzlee; nieces and nephews.

Her parents, J. C. and Nina Goolsby and her husband, Roger Crane, preceded Ms. Goolsby in death.

The family requests memorials be made to Baptist North Mississippi Hospice or the charity of the giver's choice.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall of this website.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

APR 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *She was the most amazing mother and person I have ever known. I miss her every day of my life. And I pray she is proud of me now!!!!*

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**Casey Crane Wortman** - February 02, 2022 at 04:44 PM

DB

“ *I was so saddened to recently learn that my dear lifelong friend, Lila, had passed away several months ago. I learned of her passing on a recent trip to Oxford a couple of weeks ago.*

*Lila was my first girlfriend when I was 7 years old and throughout grade school! We became inseparable in grade school...going to movies together and spending many Saturdays together. I remember so well being with Lila at her home and also at the Oxford Eagle, that her parents owned for many years. I remember when Lila and I would go into the back room of "The Eagle" where she showed me how the newspapers were printed!*

*Lila gave me some of my happiest memories. Lila was always a loving person and one who will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you, my dear friend, for your beautiful personality and warm heart and for your devoted friendship. You will always have a special place in my heart, dear friend.*

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**David Bailey** - November 11, 2018 at 09:53 PM

MB

“ I have fond memories of performing with Lila, beginning with the second grade play in Mrs Duncan's class, in which Lila was a snowflake and I was the sun, and at Oxford HS, here we sang in *The Singing Cadets* and danced and sang in *The Nine*. Lila was a gracious hostess, inviting the 69ers into her home many times for pot lucks and evenings of laughter, sharing HS stories. I send prayers for and condolences to her family.

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**margie buckley** - April 18, 2016 at 12:52 PM

EH

“ This is such sad news. Lila and I were neighbors and playmates throughout childhood on South 10th St. in Oxford. We spent many hours together throughout our early years. We were classmates and attended Oxford 1st Baptist Church. I have so many happy memories of Lila, Rita, and the family. The last time I saw her was at her home on South 10th when she graciously hosted OHS Class of 1969 classmates at a mini-reunion. I was happy to see her again after so long. She was her usual gracious and kind self. A true loss. My heart and prayers are with her family. Emmi Lou Kinabrew Harrell

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**Emmi Lou Kinabrew Harrell** - April 17, 2016 at 02:59 PM

BC

“ *Lila Jo, I dear friend since 1966. Lila will be missed my all of us in Oxford. Lila and Rita her sister were always together as well all know. She will be missed, my so many, but I know in the heart and soul, she is Singing with the Angels in heaven and she has gone home to our Almighty God for peace for eternity. I know her mother and daddy, Nina and J.C. and other family members were so glad to see her and she is know and peace. Our thoughts and prayers for her children and grands and her sister Rita and all the family. God give them strength though the coming days, weeks and months. Only our Faith can get us through the sadness, but remember she has gone home. In Jesus Name I pray, Amen!*



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**Becky Christman** - April 16, 2016 at 07:19 AM

SN

“ *Ben and I went to First Baptist with Lila and family plus we were in the same class at OHS. At our last class reunion, our first event was at Lila's home. She shared genuine Southern hospitality with all of us.*

*We are sorry for your loss of a loving gracious lady. We will pray Lila's family will feel God's peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

*Ben and Sandra Nash*

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**Sandra Nash** - April 15, 2016 at 10:40 PM

CS

“ *Lila was a classmate of mine and a friend. We were in band together an shared many fond memories and experiences. My sincere condolences to her loved ones. She was a sweetheart.*

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**Charles Scott** - April 15, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lila Jo Goolsby.*



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April 15, 2016 at 04:15 PM



“ *Rita, Bob and all of Lilas' family..I am so very sorry for your loss..may God wrap you all in His loving arms and give you strength and peace at this time. I know Nina & J C welcomed her in Heaven with open arms, as well as her husband. Thinking of all of you at this most difficult time and wishing you all peace and love.*  
*Sincerely*  
*Bobbye Wiley*

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**Bobbye Wiley** - April 15, 2016 at 02:27 PM



*Prayers for all the family!*

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**Cheryl Hanks** - April 15, 2016 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ To Jenny, Casey, Rita, and all the rest of Lila's family:

*I extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. Having grown up with Lila, playing flute beside her in the OHS band, being neighbors on Combs, having play dates with our children, and later enjoying class reunion parties at her house, we go back a long way. All my memories of Lila are very fond ones and I always looked forward to seeing her when I was in Oxford. May your hearts be comforted by knowing she is resting now, in heaven, with Mr. and Mrs. Goolsby, Roger, and many of our other classmates, and my sister too. She is gone too soon, but leaves behind a legacy of love, fun, and laughter. Lila will be missed by many. My love and compassion goes to all of you. Kathryn Ellis Smith-Brzoska*

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**Kathryn Ellis Smith-Brzoska** - April 15, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lila Jo Goolsby.*



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April 15, 2016 at 12:39 PM

DS

“ *Lila always had a bubbly smile and sweet personality. Praying for you and Bob.*

*Denny Spencer*

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**Denny Spencer** - April 15, 2016 at 11:57 AM

BS

“ *Lila was a sweet person and I am sure will be missed by her family. I pray for Lila's family. Rita, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Brenda Irby Schaffer*

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**Brenda Irby Schaffer** - April 15, 2016 at 11:33 AM

DB

“ *Lila was pure charm...that sweet smile and joyous personality. She epitomized all that was good on this earth.*

*I remember slumber parties in her home as children. As adults we spent many evenings in that same house talking and drinking a glass of wine until the wee hours of the morning.*

*Dear family...I hope your memories of all your family fun, along with the Grace of God, will see you through these long healing days.*

*Dale Bratton Bramlett*

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**Dale Bramlett** - April 15, 2016 at 11:32 AM

RB

“ *I grew up with Lila; she was in my class. I remember her so well and her mom always being Santa and the paper and everything that Lila was a part of. We reconnected at our last HS reunion six years ago and Lila was so very gracious and I so enjoyed the couple of times I had in Oxford after that to have her company.*

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**Robin Bibby** - April 15, 2016 at 09:48 AM