



## Mrs. Martha Louise McDonald

March 5, 1952 - September 23, 2017

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Mrs. Martha Louise McDonald, 65, passed away Saturday, September 23, 2017, at her residence in Olive Branch, MS. A visitation will be Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home. Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. McDonald was born in Oxford, MS. Having been raised in Oxford, she was an avid and lifelong Ole Miss fan. She collected any memorabilia displaying either the Ole Miss logo or Colonel Reb. She also loved butterflies and would collect anything she came across with a butterfly. In her spare time, Mrs. McDonald enjoyed reading, crocheting, and gardening. She loved tending to her flower beds outside, but more importantly, she enjoyed the care and love she gave to her house plants. In high school, Mrs. McDonald ran track and was also on the color guard. Whenever she was asked, Mrs. McDonald would tell you her greatest achievement in life was raising her four children and seeing her eleven grandchildren come into the world.

Mrs. McDonald is survived by her husband, Charles Lee McDonald of Olive Branch; son, William Jeffrey Houston of Olive Branch; three daughters,

Melissa Kristina (Nathan) Durham of Byhalia, MS, Ashley Deann Sappington of Olive Branch; son-in-law, Mike Rhea of Brazil, IN; brother, Alfred (Carol) Livingston of Oxford; sister, Jackie Wheeler of Oxford; eleven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McDonald was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Bertis Livingston; and daughter, Tracy Rhea.

Donations and memorials in honor of Mrs. Martha Louise McDonald may be made to the American Lung Association (Donation Processing Center; PO Box 7000, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8001).

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch  
6815 Parkview Boulevard  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
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## Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Louise McDonald.*



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September 30, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *Thank you for sharing these photo's. Martha was a great neighbor who loved her family. I know she will be missed by many. God bless your family. I pray for God's comfort for each and every one of you.*



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**Tina Davison** - September 30, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *The list of memories are endless. She was one of the strongest women I knew. Literally. And for some of us, you know what I mean. She had a huge heart, if she liked you. And if she didn't, you knew it. She loved her family more than anything and I'm honored to say she was not only my aunt, but my other mother.*



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**Michelle Wheeler** - September 28, 2017 at 08:02 PM

BS

*I grew up with Martha as my cousin. We were not biologically related as cousins but we were COUSINS! Martha was an intelligent woman with a personable manner. Always ready for a joke or story. She could be wickedly funny but very sincere. May God bless and keep Martha's soul in His arms and comfort those whom she left behind.*

**Brenda Irby Schaffer** - September 29, 2017 at 11:08 PM

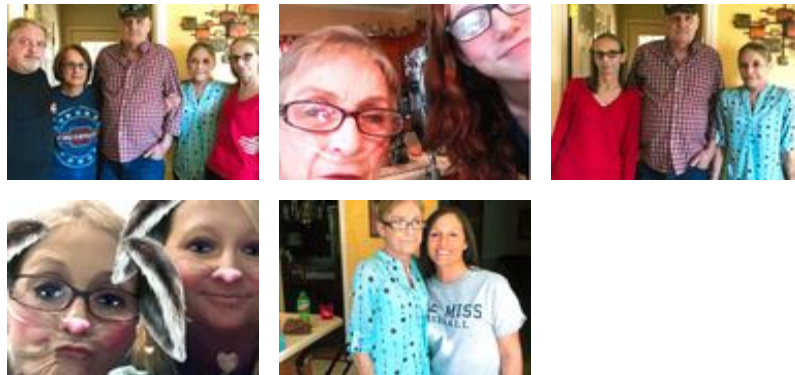
EW

“ *Martha and I were classmates at Lafayette High School and I had not seen her in many years. My sincere condolences to her family.*  
*Ellen Coleman Weaver*

**Ellen C. Weaver** - September 27, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Coleman Funeral Home** - September 27, 2017 at 04:16 PM

LJ

“ Too many memories to put on here but a few will always stand out to me. Probably the most famous one for me is when I was little and threw a fit for a big teddy bear and she spent her paycheck to buy it for me. I think I was like one years old at the time. While I was too little to actually remember it, the story of it has been told in our family for a long time. Another special memory for me was when she and Uncle Charlie got married. I remember that special day. I think what I will miss the most is her laugh and smile. She had the most beautiful smile and laugh.

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**Laura Jones** - September 27, 2017 at 09:44 AM

JW

“ Don't know how to just list a memory there are many. Martha wasn't just my sister she was one of my best friends and my confidant. How many sisters would let their little sister tag along a date but she did. We would go to the drive in movie and yes this was a long time ago. They had tables in the concession stand so I would sit in there to watch the movie. Yes I had an awesome sister. One the strongest women I know. You will always be in thoughts and my heart❤️❤️❤️

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**Jackie Wheeler** - September 26, 2017 at 11:08 PM

TB

“ Teresa Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Louise McDonald



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**Teresa Brown** - September 26, 2017 at 10:23 PM

TB

“ I remember my 1st time meeting Martha, She said That I looked to young to be Nathans Mother, I laughed and said I was thinking the same thing about her and Kris ! My how time flys. She was a Beautiful lady and will be missed by many. I just noticed she had the same Birth date as my mother, March 5

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**Teresa Brown** - September 26, 2017 at 10:17 PM

WJ

“ I remember when Martha married my brother , it doesnt seem that long ago . But with all of the children grown and with their kids growing up so fast it proves times does fly . She will be missed by many ! We can all take comfort knowing she no longer has earthly pains or troubles . She is with many loved ones watching from Heaven .  
Buddy McDonald

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**Walter H. McDonald Jr.** - September 26, 2017 at 11:33 AM