



## Mrs. Joyce Ashley Harkins

May 11, 1942 - September 12, 2020

A memorial service for Mrs. Joyce Ashley Harkins, 78 of Oxford, will be on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Toby Miller Chapel at Miller Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on the same day from 1:00 pm until the time of the service. Pastor Robert Angles will be officiating.

Mrs. Harkins passed away on September 12, 2020.

She is survived by her children, Davina Carroll; grandchildren, Chadwick Harkins, Gena Carroll, Cody Boyd; great grandchildren, Weston McBrayer, Jaylen Santavasci, Gavin Harkins, Jordan Thomas; niece, Angie Brightside (Ronnie), and a host of extended family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, David Harkins and her daughter, Julie Midkiff.

Mrs. Harkins retired from Calhoun County Mental Health. She was an active member of the NAMI, which is the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

She was recently attending Word Alive International Outreach. She loved going to church and being with her church family.

Mrs. Harkins enjoyed farming, gardening and working in her yard. More than

anything, she loved spending any time she could with her family.

She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend and will be sorely missed.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Encompass Hospice for the love and care they showed Mrs. Harkins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to UAB Hospital, where Mrs. Harkins generously donated her body to for scientific purposes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
50 Hamric Drive East  
Oxford, AL 36203  
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millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

## Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

Crystal  
Clear

“ *My grandmother wrote this.....- Crystal Fairchild.*

*Death Can Be Beautiful*  
by Addie Williams & Katie Fairchild

*Death can be beautiful - when it gives release from suffering and pain. Death can be beautiful when it magnifies love through the comfort, the compassion and sympathy of friends and relatives. Death can be beautiful when it binds those yet living more closely together, when it revives memories of a life which in its totality displayed a richness of texture and a strength of design in which the selflessness, tenderness compassion and generosity were merged. Death can be beautiful when in coming it opens the doors of life again - a life revealed in God's beyond and evermore. Death can be a gift, a reward, a promise fulfilled, the essence of God's love. The sorrow itself, that trails the wake of death, is a quality and measure of love that is creative in that it requires us to re-examine the values we hold. It causes us to question the validity of our lives, it opens our hearts to renewed appreciation of those whom we still have to love and underscores the possibility of unpredictable loss.*

*Addie W. Williams*

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**Crystal Clear** - October 01, 2020 at 04:52 AM

DC

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**Davina Carroll** - September 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM

DC

“ *Davina Carroll lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Ashley Harkins*



**Davina Carroll** - September 20, 2020 at 09:25 AM

HP

“ *Hilda Parris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Ashley Harkins*



**Hilda Parris** - September 18, 2020 at 10:02 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Swain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Ashley Harkins*



**Lisa swain** - September 18, 2020 at 01:06 AM

LS

“ *My prayers are with the family rip MS Joyce I will never forget all you taught me while in your halfway house you are truly missed by me fly high sweet angel 🥹❤️*

**Lisa swain** - September 18, 2020 at 01:05 AM