



Eleanor Grace Lyons

August 9, 1947 - August 30, 2025

Eleanor Grace Barnes Betts Lyons, 78, of Laurel, MS passed away peacefully at her residence surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, August 30, 2025. She was born Saturday, August 9, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Barnes in Laurel, MS.

She was the third of seven siblings.

She is survived by her loving family; Daughter, Marsha Betts Odom and Son in Love, Brad Odom, whom she affectionately called "My Boy" of Quitman, MS. Daughter, Jackie Lyons Blue of Mesa, AZ. Her beloved Grandbabies, Grant, Kennon, Kylie, and Clea. Step Grandchildren, Joseph and Leah, Step Great- Grandchildren, Aaron and Michaela, Step Great-Great-Grandchildren, Arrow and Kohen. Beloved Brother, Kary "Shorty" Barnes and Wife Johanna. Loving Sister-in-Laws, Mildred Barnes and Wanda "Van" Barnes and a host of Nieces and Nephews. The best Neighbors anyone could ask for, Bud Henderson and family.

Proceeded in death by loving Husband, William Harold "Harry" Betts, Jr., Father, Jackson Davis "JD" Barnes, Mother, Olga Genveieve Finlay Barnes. Brothers, Ronald O'Neal Barnes, Jimmy Davis Barnes, Sr., Michael Wayne Barnes. Sisters, Rose Mary Barnes Davis, Barbara Nell Barnes White and Stepson, Harold Spencer "Butch" Betts.

Eleanor was a believer in God. She graduated from JCJC with a degree in Jewelry Design and Repair.

Throughout her years, Eleanor touched the lives of many through her unwavering commitment to helping others, in selfless ways.

Eleanor Grace's spirit of service was a gift to all who knew her. She was often the first to lend a helping hand, to offer support, and to bring comfort in times of hardship. It was in the smallest gestures, offering a ride to someone without a car, making sure no one went hungry, giving someone a place to sleep, or simply being present for someone going through a hard time that Eleanor Grace made the most significant impact.

When surrounded by her loving family, she was asked what life advice would you give her answer was simply Eleanor "Let's Go". Let's go...live life, serving others, loving our family and fighting the good fight with strength and Grace.

The most cherished part of her life, was the unwavering devotion she showed to her family.

Her family will miss her dearly, but take solace in the knowledge that her legacy of love and service will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew Eleanor.

Eleanor never met a person she couldn't charm, and her infectious personality left a mark on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Her flirtatious nature went far beyond the surface. She had a deep capacity for warmth, humor, and a kind of magnetic energy that made people feel seen and heard. Beneath the playful exterior was someone who cared deeply about those around them, and she had an uncanny ability to make people laugh, even in the toughest of times.

We will dearly miss her sparkling eyes, smile and spirited personality. Though she will never stop making us smile, we take comfort knowing that her fun-loving spirit will live on in the countless memories she left behind.

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The family ask that any tribute be a donation to APDA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marsha*
I am so sorry for your loss and will be praying for you family

Amanda Braswell - September 02, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ *My prayers are with you all we all have been long long time friends from way back love this family so much we all have lots of memories to hold on too . God Bless*



Judy White Pitts - September 02, 2025 at 06:07 PM

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“ *The sweetest lady 🌸 . I was so blessed to know her and will deeply miss her. I'll see you soon Miss Eleanor 🕊️ . All my love to her family*
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Carolyn Odom - September 02, 2025 at 01:20 PM