



Mrs. Dera Merrill

September 7, 1948 - January 27, 2018

Mrs. Dera Ann Merrill, of Graham, Alabama, passed away on January 27, 2018. She was 69.

Mrs. Merrill was born on September 7, 1948 in Graham to the late Onie Velon and Frances Williams. She was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker and was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sister-in-law, Blake and Betty Williams and Leon Williams; her sister and brother-in-law, Etherean and Fred Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Donell Merrill; her daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Greg Morgan, Shannon and Barry Simpson, and Sheila and Eric Lovvorn; her grandchildren, Brittany Fancier and her husband, John, Kristin Dumond, Noah Morgan, Adam Simpson, Jordan Simpson, Erica Lovvorn, Brent Lovvorn, and Maura Lovvorn; and her brother and sister-in-law, Thamous and Joyce Williams.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. (Alabama Time). Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Prior to the service, Mrs. Merrill's body will lie-in-state at the church from 12:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 3:00 till 7:00 p.m. (Alabama Time).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Merrill's memory to the Smyrna Baptist Church Cemetery Fund (81 Co Rd 421, Newell, AL 36280).

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
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<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Smyrna Baptist Church
Newell, AL

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS... Michael, Kelly and Brandon Harris*



Michael Harris - January 30, 2018 at 03:13 PM

NP

“ *Nan Phelps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dera Merrill*



Nan Phelps - January 30, 2018 at 01:54 AM

SG

“ *Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dera Merrill*



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - January 29, 2018 at 10:32 PM

CH

“ *Crystal Holman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dera Merrill*



Crystal Holman - January 29, 2018 at 06:24 PM

MM

“ *Martha Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dera Merrill*



Martha Morrison - January 29, 2018 at 01:51 PM

MM

Dera was always a sweet friend. May God comfort you all during this painful time.

Martha Morrison - January 29, 2018 at 01:53 PM



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Rainwater Funeral Home - January 29, 2018 at 12:35 PM

PW

“ *Sweet family we are so sorry to hear about Dera, —man she was a fighter!! She was on of the sweetest and earnest women I have ever known — my Mom loved her beyond. !!*

She will be missed terribly and all of you will want to ask her something or just hear her sweet voice or that sweet loving laugh of hers many , many times a day for a long time !!!

Our wish for all of you is that our Lord wrap His strong arms around each and all of you giving the comfort and strength you need to carry you through these difficult days you are facing!

Peggie and Wayne Ward - January 28, 2018 at 06:12 PM