



Rhonda Jean Nelson

December 16, 1964 - March 6, 2026

Rhonda Jean Nelson, 61, of Arab, Alabama, passed away at her home under the care of Shepherd's Cove Hospice in the early morning hours of Friday, March 6, 2026. Born December 16, 1964, in Madison County, Rhonda was a much-loved daughter of James Wesley Hopkins and Geraldean Ricketts Hopkins. She had recently moved from the Cotaco Community in Somerville, AL, to the Arab area.

A woman of Baptist faith, Rhonda will be remembered for her deep love for her daughters and her grandchildren. Rhonda enjoyed sharing time with her family and friends, always welcoming company to join her on the front porch, just to sit and visit or maybe to enjoy a good cup of coffee. She loved browsing at yard sales and cleaning her home.

Rhonda is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Gail Lemley, Jennifer Ann Ginn (Marty Beason), and Tiffany Lynn Pendergrass (Walter); son, Rusty Hyatt (April); grandchildren, Dalton, Olivia, Michael, Jordan, Ariel, Benjamin, Sylvia, Julia, Levi, Marie, Kim and Anita; great grandchildren, Greyson Colt Campbell, Hunter, Zach, Carson, Bella, Lanie and Brileigh; brothers, Roger Hopkins (Denise) and Rickie Hopkins (Evelyn); and sister, Florence Orear (Kenny) and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Geraldean Hopkins;

brothers, James Hopkins (Sue) and Marty Wayne Hopkins (Pam); sister, Vicky Lynn Hopkins; and former husband, George Hyatt.

Services for Rhonda will be at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be on Thursday evening, March 12, 2026 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. The funeral service will be Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:00 am. Brother Rob Peavy and Brother Rusty Hyatt will officiate. Burial will be in the Mt. Olive Cemetery in Union Grove, AL. Dalton Campbell, Benjamin Beason, Corbin Raines, Wayne Horton, Timothy Hopkins and Ryder Castele will serve as pallbearers. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel entrusted with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

15030 U S Highway 231
Union Grove, AL 35175

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Sooo sorry for the loss of your loved one. you all are in our prayers.
Jerry & Betty Walls-Rocky Branch Holiness church.

Jerry Walls - March 11 at 05:24 AM

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“ Whenever I went to see Marty and Jennifer, there Mrs. Rhonda would be on the front porch. Without a doubt. She was a very sweet lady and I am sure she will be deeply missed. Marty, Jennifer, I won't be able to come to the visitation or funeral. My has lived with us for the past 5 months and we just are trying her back at home after an internal bleed. All of us are in and out making sure she does her PT and takes her meds right. She's 89. I'm so sorry for y'all's loss.

Hank Summerford - March 09 at 10:35 PM

JG

Thank you so much for your kind words and support in this time of need! Our prayers go out to you and your family!!!

Jennifer Ginn - March 10 at 07:19 PM