



## **MRS. JEANNETTE COOPER MARS**

October 24, 1941 - March 8, 2026

Funeral services for Mrs. Jeannette Cooper Mars will be held at 2 PM Sunday, March 15, 2026 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Rev. John E. Stephens officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 PM Sunday, March 15, 2026 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Mrs. Mars, 84, passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at Neshoba General Hospital. Born in Tela, Honduras, she attended Forrest County Agricultural High School in Brooklyn, MS as a Boarding Student. After graduating from LSUNO, she worked as an executive secretary for the Mississippi A & I Board in Jackson, MS during which time she met her future husband, George. They were united in marriage on October 12, 1969 in Jackson. Taking over the business for George's parents, they co-owned and operated Mars Bros. Department Store on the square in Philadelphia for a number of years. Mrs. Mars was actively involved in the community and enjoyed visiting with her former employees and customers whenever she got the chance. She loved the Neshoba County Fair and relished the relationships she formed over the years with her Fair neighbors. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and avid LSU fan.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Mars; mother, Pastora VanTuyle.

Survivors include daughter, Grayson (Chad) Miller of Hightstown, NJ; 4 grandchildren, Lance England, Caleb England, Owen Miller and Rosalie Miller.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Lawn Cemetery

Philadelphia, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

FB

“ From Kara and Betty Beasley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of MRS. JEANNETTE COOPER MARS.



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**From Kara and Betty Beasley** - March 14 at 01:22 PM



“ I thought the world of Mrs. Mars! I am so thankful for our many visits and the brief time we spent together.

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**Semmes Martin** - March 12 at 02:10 PM

TM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ms Jeannette was so special to me, my first memory of her was being in Mars Bros when I was very small bc my grandmother worked there. I also worked there wrapping gifts at Christmas, she was always so kind to me. I will miss visiting with her at the Fair. Thinking of you Grayson and your family. Tonya Herring Morgan

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**Tonya Morgan** - March 12 at 09:03 AM

TM

“ I have no words to express the empty hole I feel in my heart upon hearing that my dear friend, Jeannette Mars, has left this earth to be with our Lord. Even though I was 14 years younger, she was my friend from the time she came to Philadelphia. She believed in me when I did not believe in myself. She expressed her love for me when I felt unloved. She saw potential in me when I had no confidence and felt I had nothing to offer. Her loving heart encompassed everyone she knew. My life was better for having her as my friend. I will miss you, Jeannette! May we all be together again soon!!

Tresha Massey - March 11 at 02:55 PM

KG

I am so sorry to hear of Jeanette's passing. She was truly a precious lady. My prayers are with all of the family during this sad time.

Kathy T Gentry - March 12 at 01:54 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of MRS. JEANNETTE COOPER MARS.



March 11 at 09:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of MS. JEANNETTE COOPER MARS.

March 10 at 06:06 PM



“ to know her was to love her, she was the light in every room she walked in.

*we shared long talks, belly aching laughs, lunch dates and so much more - her contagious laugh, beautiful smile and the kindest heart will never be forgotten.*



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**Destiny Graham** - March 09 at 06:06 PM

LW

*She was a precious lady*

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**Lisa Williamson** - March 10 at 02:48 PM

MD

*LOVED this special lady!! May she rest in peace.*

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**Melanie Dowell** - March 11 at 11:31 AM

LR

*I loved visiting with Jeanette at the N C Fair. She was so full of life! She was a special lady.*

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**Laura Lee Mars Richardson** - March 12 at 09:31 AM

FG

*Jeanett was one precious lady her smile and laugh was contagious! I'm going to miss you!*

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**Faye Gray** - March 13 at 01:25 PM