



## Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray

July 6, 1959 - May 13, 2016

Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray, 56, passed away on May 13, 2016, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. Mrs. Marsha was born July 6, 1959, in West Point, the daughter of Lee Roy and Carolyn Ann Turner Atkins, Sr. She was a member of West End Baptist Church in West Point. She was a strong courageous woman who fought a good fight. She was 56 years young and loved the Lord. Marsha was loved by many and touched many lives throughout her life. She especially loved her little babies and their families at First Baptist Church Early Childhood Ministry. She loved spending time with her granddaughters. She was a true example of a Proverbs 31 woman and tried to exemplify Christ everywhere she went. Marsha was very strong in her faith and loved sharing her love for the Lord with others. She married Curtis Lee Ray, Jr. on June 26, 1978, in West Point, and he passed away July 14, 2004.

Funeral services will be Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 3:00 P.M. from Calvert Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dale Funderburg officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Garden Cemetery in West Point. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include Her Daughter, Rachel Marie Ray of West Point; Her Two Sons, Curtis Lee Ray, III (Lauren) of Louisburg, KS and Christopher Adam Ray (Brittaney) of West Point; Two Granddaughters: Kimber Grace Ray and

Willow Claire Ray both of West Point; Parents: Lee Roy and Carolyn Turner Atkins, Sr. of West Point; Her Sister, Donna Atkins of West Point; Her Brother, Chip Atkins (Kinta) of West Point; Two Nieces: Kelsey Bercegeay (Clint) of Gonzales, LA, and Shay Atkins of West Point; and Father-in-Law and Mother-in-Law: Curtis and Kathleen Ray, Sr. of West Point.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Adam Ray, Chip Atkins, Jerry Adamec, Tom Ross, Kenneth Walls, Chris Craven, Mark Huffman, and Tony Turner.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Randy Craven, Junior Ray, Michael Doss, Kelli Mowry, Cindy Blaine, Dr. Kenneth Harvey, Dr. Lee Greer, Bobbie Sanders, CNFP, Harvest Worker Sunday School Class at West End Baptist Church, Nurses and Staff of the North Mississippi Medical Center Inpatient Hospice Unit, and the Staff of First Baptist Church Early Childhood Ministry.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Early Childhood Ministry, P.O. Box 794, West Point, MS 39773.

Visitation will be Sunday 1:00-3:00 P.M. at Calvert Funeral Home.

Friends may leave an online condolence at [www.calvertfuneralhome.com](http://www.calvertfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Debbie White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray*



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**debbie white** - May 15, 2016 at 03:09 PM

DW

*So sorry to hear about mom . You are in my prayers and thoughts*

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**debbie white** - May 15, 2016 at 03:10 PM

JB

“ *Jan Estes Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray*



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**Jan estes Bennett** - May 15, 2016 at 08:18 AM

DR

“ *Debbie May Richards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray*



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**Debbie May Richards** - May 14, 2016 at 08:38 PM

CV

*“ I was so fortunate to grow up down the street from Marsha and will always remember her as my best childhood friend. I share in your grief and wish I was not so far away. I have a treasure chest of happy memories from our childhood. Marsha could always make me laugh and you always made me feel like I was a part of your family. Marsha accomplished so much with her life and was such an inspiration to me by the way she lived for the Lord. She was a true leader on this earth and I know that she is reaping her many rewards in heaven.*



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**Carol Vest** - May 14, 2016 at 08:33 PM

RM

*“ Robin Massey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray*



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**Robin Massey** - May 14, 2016 at 08:14 PM

 Dawn Calo-Janiak

*“ I remember as a young child how Marsha would always hold me in her arms like I was her own. She was only 5 years older than I, but the love she had shown me will forever remain in my heart. Rest in peace Marsha Dale. We love you!*

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**Dawn Calo-Janiak** - May 14, 2016 at 05:18 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray*



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**Lisa Montgomery** - May 14, 2016 at 05:16 PM

JG

“ *My heart breaks for the loss of the precious woman you all love and for my sweet friend. I've already shared with Rachel about how Marsha and I shared many of our life experiences at the same time, how we'd known each other from childhood, graduated high school together, married within weeks of each other, we even participated in each other's wedding reception, had babies together and raised them at West End together. I loved Marsha and will miss her deeply!*

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**Jean Ulmer Gaskin** - May 14, 2016 at 03:32 PM

 Patti Clay

“ *Patti Clay lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marsha Atkins Ray*



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**Patti Clay** - May 14, 2016 at 02:46 PM

DB

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Atkins I am so sorry for your loss. Marsha was like the sister I never had. She was such an encourager. I so wish I could be there for the funeral. Love ya'll and praying for you! Donna Buchanan*

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**Donna Buchanan** - May 14, 2016 at 01:46 PM