



Janis Crawford Leake

August 8, 1936 - November 23, 2025

Janis Crawford Leake, age 89, of Forrest City, died Sunday, November 23, 2025, at her home in Forrest City. She had been in poor health for the past several months.

Mrs. Leake was born August 8, 1936, in Senatobia, Mississippi, and was the daughter of John Aubrey Crawford and Hazel Sinquefield Crawford. She was a member of the Chapter BF of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the Forrest City Musical Coterie and the Forrest City Junior Auxiliary. For over seventy years she was a member of the First Baptist Church and was very active in her Adult 4 Women's Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Leake married Richard 'Sonny' Leake in 1956, and he survives her along with one son, Richard Leake III, and wife Teresa, of Forrest City, one daughter, Robin Leake Jayroe, and husband, Gary, of Forrest City, three grandchildren; Richard Jayroe, and wife Jessica, Ryan Jayroe, and wife, Sarah, and Lindsay Marconi, and husband, Caleb, and three great-grandchildren; Mallory-Collins Jayroe, John Percy Crawford Jayroe, and Maren Leigh Marconi.

Services will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, with burial in Forrest Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, 10:00 A.M., until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home

is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to be made to First Baptist Church, Hostess and Decorating Committee, 507 N. Rosser, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
220 North Washington
Forrest City, AR 72335
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Funeral Service

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Interment

NOV **26** (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SP

“ Mrs. Leake was such a thoughtful person, when our mother passed away she and Mr. Leake came to our home and walked through mud to get to our front door. They brought us much needed items and coffee, but more than that, compassion and caring. Praying for her family as they adjust to life without her sweet spirit.

Sharon Perry - December 30, 2025 at 02:35 AM

PH

“ patricia higgs lit a candle in memory of Janis Leake



patricia higgs - November 26, 2025 at 09:38 AM

WF

“ With Love, xoxo- Insight Global Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janis Crawford Leake.

With Love, xoxo- Insight Global Family - November 25, 2025 at 10:06 AM

WF

“ With Love, xoxo- Insight Global Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Janis Crawford Leake.



With Love, xoxo- Insight Global Family - November 25, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Janis Crawford Leake.*



November 24, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ *Thoughts&prayers go out to each one of you. Sincerely, Paula Renee&Branden Lee Adams,& Ms. Terry Smith&family*

Paula Adams - November 24, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ *Love, Murry and Tami Cline purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Janis Crawford Leake.*



Love, Murry and Tami Cline - November 24, 2025 at 04:29 PM



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Love, Murry and Tami Cline - November 24, 2025 at 04:29 PM

KM

“ *Kailey Mitchell purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Janis Crawford Leake.*



Kailey Mitchell - November 24, 2025 at 02:30 PM

MC

“ *Always sweet and smiling. Prayers going up for those who loved her most.*
Sincerely,
Margy Cannon

Margy Cannon - November 24, 2025 at 01:10 PM

PH

A sweet soul. With Deepest Sympathy at this difficult time.

The Higgs Family
Patricia, Stephanie, Skipper

patricia higgs - November 26, 2025 at 09:37 AM