



Cheri Farnell

May 22, 1952 - May 22, 2026

Cheri Farnell, 74, of Jena, Florida, passed away on May 22, 2026. She was born on May 22, 1952, in Lawton, Oklahoma, and had lived in the Jena area for more than 53 years after moving there from West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Farnell worked as a secretary at Steinhatchee School for several years before retiring. During her time there, she was also involved with the Boys and Girls Club, where she enjoyed working with and encouraging young people. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Jena. As the wife of a minister, Mrs. Farnell faithfully served alongside her husband in many capacities within the church. She was well known for singing, playing the piano, and helping organize various church activities and events. In her spare time, Mrs. Farnell loved being outdoors and especially enjoyed gardening. She will be remembered for her servant's heart, her dedication to her family and church, and the kindness she shared with everyone around her. Mrs. Farnell will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Farnell is survived by her daughters Stacey Raulerson (Jason), Bethany Nichols, Jessica Carnes (Josh), and Justina Farnell, her sisters Kathrine Chamberlain (Bart) and Rainey Hendershot, six grandchildren, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband Vaughn Farnell and her parents James and Joan Hailey.

A memorial service for Mrs. Farnell will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, June 6, 2026 at the First Baptist Church of Jena, with Pastor Jimmy Corbin officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Haven Hospice.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Jena
758 SW Highway 361
Steinhatchee, FL 32359