



Ms. Cathalynn Norfleet Donelson

September 17, 2025

Ms. Cathalynn Norfleet Donelson, 79, of Fairhope, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. She was born on August 4, 1946, to the late Charles L. Norfleet, Sr. and Avis Ziegler Norfleet.

A former editor and reporter for the Montgomery Advertiser, Ms. Donelson also served as a director at Fort Morgan. She was an accomplished author and historian, known for her books *Fairhope in the Roaring Twenties* and *Fairhope*. Raised in Robinson Springs, Alabama, Ms. Donelson attended Holtville High School before pursuing her studies in political science at Auburn University. Throughout her life, her greatest joy was being a grandmother to Jordan Elizabeth Parks, David John Parks, and Emily Isabelle Parks. She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles L. Norfleet, Sr. and Avis Zeigler Norfleet. She is survived by her daughter, Joel Rebecca Donelson Parks; brothers, Charles Lee Norfleet, Jr. and Daniel Francis Norfleet; sisters, Carol Martinese and Lady Elizabeth Daniles. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Robinson Springs Church, located at 5980 Main Street, Millbrook, Alabama 36054 with Rev. Janet Krantz officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Ziegler Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Zeigler Cemetery

Coosada, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Springs Church
5980 Main Street
Millbrook, AL 36054

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Springs Church
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Millbrook, AL 36054

Burial

SEP 27.

Zeigler Cemetery
Coosada, AL

Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Cathalynn Norfleet Donelson.*



September 26, 2025 at 02:27 AM



“ *Norfleet Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ms. Cathalynn Norfleet Donelson.*



Norfleet Family - September 24, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Cathalynn Norfleet Donelson.*



September 24, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Cathalynn Norfleet Donelson.*

September 24, 2025 at 02:24 PM