

# OBITUARY

## Rachel Darlene Clark Browning

Rachel Darlene Clark Browning, age 86, of Clinton, Mississippi, died June 8, 2026. Born February 3, 1940, in Seminary, Mississippi, she was the daughter of Arthur Clark and Queenie Clark. Throughout her life, Rachel was deeply beloved, remembered with gratitude for a kind-hearted spirit that quietly strengthened those fortunate enough to know her.

Rachel devoted thirty years to serving as an elementary school teacher, shaping young lives with steady care and patience. Her commitment to education and to the people around her was also reflected in her involvement with professional and community organizations, including ADK, MAE, CAE and RTA.

On April 28, 1962, Rachel married Robert Browning in Seminary, Mississippi. She is survived by her daughter, Beth Neely (Robbie) of Clinton, Mississippi; her son, Bobby Brown-

ing (Kathy) of Clinton, Mississippi; and her sister, Doris Shellabarger (Dave) of Flower Mound, Texas. Mrs. Browning also leaves five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Browning, and her eight siblings.

Visitation was held at Lakewood Funeral Home, 6011 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi 39209, on June 12, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. A funeral service followed at Lakewood Funeral Home on June 12, 2026, at 11 a.m. Burial took place at Lakewood Memorial Park, 6000 Clinton Boulevard.

There was a family lunch after the service at Morrison Heights Baptist Church located at 3000 Hampstead Boulevard, Clinton, Mississippi.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Morrison Heights Second Harvest Ministry, 3000 Hampstead Boulevard, Clinton, Mississippi 39056.

# MDOT gives project updates

Special to The Clinton Courier

Commissioner Willie Simmons, Chairman of the Mississippi Transportation Commission, has announced updates to several Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) projects across central Mississippi, including several in Clinton and in and around the Hinds County area.

“We are well into maintenance and construction season here in central Mississippi, and I am pleased to report that significant progress is being made throughout the district,” said Simmons. “Please continue to stay vigilant driving in and around these work zones. Slow down, cut out driving distractions like cell phones and watch out for our crews, contractors, and other roadside personnel.”

## I-20 mill and overlay in Hinds County

A mill and overlay project continues on six miles of I-20 from just west of the Natchez Trace Parkway in Clinton to State Route 18. The scope of work includes failed area repair, guardrail upgrades, traffic sign upgrades and tree clearing.

Paving on Springridge Road and Clinton-Raymond Road is complete. Crews are currently paving the eastbound lanes of I-20 in the project limits.

The \$8.6 million project was awarded to APAC-MS. Work is on track to be completed this summer.

## I-220 overlay in Hinds and Madison County

A major project that consists of removing and replacing the open-graded friction course (OGFC) lift of asphalt on I-220 in Hinds and Madison counties will soon be complete. The two-mile section in Madison County begins at the Hinds County line and ends near the I-55 divide ramp. The nine-mile section in Hinds County begins at the I-20 merger and ends at the Madison County line.

The scope of work includes failed area repair, guardrail upgrades, tree clearing and minor repairs to bridges within the project limits. Current activities include guardrail replacement, milling and overlaying ramps with OGFC, bridge spall and joint repairs, tree clearing, installation of post-mounted delineators and installation of rumble strips.

The \$11.3 million project was awarded to APAC-MS of Jackson. The project is on track to wrap up this summer.

## I-220 and I-55 bridge repairs in Hinds and Madison County

A project to repair the I-220 bridge over Lynch Street and the I-55 north to I-220 flyover bridge in Madison County is underway. The scope on the I-220 bridge includes cleaning and painting bridge bearing assemblies, spalled area repair, bridge rail repairs, removal and construction of bridge end walls, installation of hybrid polymer concrete overlay on the bridge deck, sealing all open joints in the bridge deck and cap cleaning.

Work is underway on the I-55 north flyover to I-220 bridge now. The scope includes removal and reconstruction of portions of the end walls, sealing all open joints in the bridge deck, spalled area repair, removal and replacement of bearing assemblies, installation of a high-friction surface treatment (HSFT) and cap cleaning.

The \$2.5 million project was awarded to Gibson & Associates, Inc. of Balch Springs, Texas. The completion date is summer 2026.

## I-55 mill and overlay in Hinds County

A seven-mile mill and overlay on I-55 from Byram to McDowell Road is underway. The primary scope of work includes removal of the OGFC and replacing it with stone matrix asphalt (SMA).

Additional work includes joint and crack sealing, roadway leveling, replacement of impact attenuators and fog sealing the existing shoulder. Crews have completed the failed area repair, SMA testing and have started production paving.

The \$8.7 million project was awarded to Dickerson & Bowen, Inc. of Brookhaven. Plans call for work to be completed this summer.

## Work zone safety

Highway work zones are meant to protect the traveling public and workers on the side of the road. Work zones present new traffic patterns and configurations that may be unfamiliar to motorists. For information about how to navigate highway work zones safely, visit [GoMDOT.com/drivesmartms](http://GoMDOT.com/drivesmartms).

## MDOT project website

Residents can stay up to date on MDOT’s significant, active projects by visiting [GoMDOT.com/Projects](http://GoMDOT.com/Projects). The webpage provides up-to-date information on project timelines, progress and any potential road closures or detours that may be associated with the project.

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