



Billie Rae Wood

August 13, 1937 - June 3, 2016

Billie Rae Cooper Wood, 78, passed away on Friday, June 3, 2016, at her residence in Louisville, Mississippi. Visitation will be Monday, June 6, 2016, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Hubert Yates officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery.

Ms. Wood was born August 13, 1937, to Thomas and Belle Sanders Cooper. She worked as a Sales Associate and Customer Service Representative for Sears, Roebuck, and Company for many years. She retired from the Louisville School District as a teacher assistant at Fair Elementary. She loved children and the students in her care, as well as others, loved her as a grandmother. After her retirement, she continued to work in the school system by being a substitute teacher as needed. Billie Rae was a member of Wess Chapel Baptist Church where she served as the church pianist for many years. In a Facebook tribute, Sue Clay Ward described "Mrs. Bill" as "mother, grandmother, aunt, teacher, co-worker, Sunday School teacher, Bible School Teacher, poet, pianist, friend, and servant of God! What an awesome lady!"

Billie Rae is survived by two sons, Thomas "Tony" Wood and wife, Barbara, of Louisville; and Robert "Bobby" Wood and wife, Deanna, of Huntsville, Alabama; and her sister-in-law, Billie Dean Cooper also of Louisville. One of

her greatest joys was being “MawMaw Bill” to her grandchildren: Charles Wood and wife, Misty; and Kathleen Lechman also of Huntsville; two great-grandchildren, Jackson Staggs and James Leslie; as well as her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, B. W. “Bud” Wood, Jr.; her son, Brad Wood; her parents; her sister, Doris M. Pugh; her brother, Thomas D. “Tom” Cooper, Jr.; and a special niece, Dot Thiel.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Bannon, Dale Collins, Thomas Cooper, Joey Partridge, Doug Thompson, and Charles Wood. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to Winston-Choctaw Gideon Camp, P. O. Box 556, Louisville, MS 39339.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery

Highway 25 North
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall




“ *Billie Rae Wood*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *I worked with Mrs. Billie Rae at Fair and she was by far the sweetest lady you could ever meet. She always was creating a new craft for the children to try, a song for them to sing or a new game to test their minds. She was truly a giving person and I loved being around her and hearing her stories. Rest in Peace my sweet friend. LOVED BY ALL!!*



Barbara Miles

Barbara Miles - June 07, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ *I forgot to put my name on my last message. I worked with Billie Rae at Fair. She was a very nice person. Mike McAdory*

Mike and Carol McAdory - June 06, 2016 at 08:45 PM



“ *She was a very nice person. Loved and was loved by many. I enjoyed working with her at Fair Elementary. She will be greatly missed. Praying for the family.*

Mike and Carol McAdory - June 06, 2016 at 08:39 PM

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“ *I so much admired and loved Billie Ray! She was a great assistant teacher and a wonderful friend. I know you will all miss her, but we all know where she is. We will see her again. She just finished the race before we did. Prayers for y'all for comfort and peace.*

Vicki Tucker - June 05, 2016 at 08:47 AM