



Dezie Mae Jeffries

November 29, 1934 - February 24, 2026

Dezie Mae Sides Jeffries, 91, passed away with her loving family by her side on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Eupora, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 2, at Friendship Baptist Church with Rev. Gene O'Brian and Rev. Jason Green officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service at the church from 9:30 a.m. until service time. Interment will immediately follow the service in McClelland Cemetery on Craig Springs Road.

Dezie Mae was born on November 29, 1934, to Andrew and Lizzie McClelland Sides. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She was an excellent seamstress and she also enjoyed quilting. She used her talents to make many priceless treasures for her family as well as sewing for the public. Dezie Mae also enjoyed gardening and cooking for her family.

Dezie Mae is survived by her children: Kathy Vaughn (Van) of Cartersville, Georgia; Bill Jeffries, Jr. (Teresa) of Sturgis, Mississippi; Lisa Lee Parra (Dale) of Macon, Mississippi; Donna Niles (Mike) of Easley, South Carolina; and Andrea Merchant (Bill) of Pickens, South Carolina. One of her greatest joys was being "DeeDee" to her seven grandchildren: Jason Eaves (Daniella); Casey Gray (Maggie); Brandon Gray (Julianna); Wes Lee (Katie); Tobey Conner; Matt Jeffries; and Ariail Lankford; in addition to her 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death

by her husband, William Henry “Bill” Jeffries; her parents; and her brother, Andrew Sides.

Serving as pallbearers are Jimmy Franks, Elbert Ray, Danny Ray, Charles Smith, Terry McClelland, and Randal McClelland. Memorial contributions in honor of Dezie Mae may be given to McClelland Cemetery Fund, c/o Martha Lindsey, 6418 Craig Springs Road, Sturgis, MS 39769.

The family would like to thank the staff of Brooklyn Hall, Gentiva Hospice, and North Mississippi Medical Center—Eupora for their support and care during our time of need.

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

McClelland Cemetery

Craig Springs Road
Sturgis, MS 39769

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church
5491 Craig Springs Road
Sturgis, MS 39769
(662) 465-8806

Funeral Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church
5491 Craig Springs Road
Sturgis, MS 39769
(662) 465-8806

Interment

MAR 2 (CT)

McClelland Cemetery
Craig Springs Road
Sturgis, MS 39769

Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Dezie Mae Jeffries.*



March 01 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dezie Mae Jeffries.

March 01 at 11:50 AM



“ *Darla & Stefanie purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Dezie Mae Jeffries.*



Darla & Stefanie - February 28 at 05:00 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with y'all. Tom and Judy Younger*

Tom Younger - February 27 at 06:07 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dezie Mae Jeffries.*



February 27 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dezie Mae Jeffries.

February 27 at 02:30 PM



“ *My prayers are with all of the family. Your mom has always been such a big part of my life. She meant a lot to my entire family, loved her dearly as well as all of you. She is at total rest now being in the presence of Jesus and our Lord. What a home coming it was for her to be with Mr Bill, her parents and family and all of her friends. We got so much to look forward to. Luv u all and praying for you.*
Peggy

Peggy Rose - February 26 at 03:22 PM