



Edna Ruth Morgan

August 19, 1942 - June 14, 2023

Ruth Morgan, age 80, passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Oktibbeha County Hospital Regional Medical Center in Starkville, Mississippi, surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services will be Monday, June 19 at 2 p.m. in the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel in Louisville, Mississippi, with Rev. Tim Sisk and Cody Prewitt officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville from 1 p.m. until service time. Interment will immediately follow the service in Odd Fellows Cemetery on University Drive in Starkville, Mississippi.

At the age of fifteen, Ruth worked as a student secretary at Mississippi State University while in high school. After graduating from Starkville High School, she attended MSU graduating in 1965 with her bachelor's degree in education. Ruth began her professional career as an educator in Sayre, Alabama, where she taught Office Practices. After teaching, she came back to MSU, as an Office Administrator in the MS Extension Entomology department. She then received her Master's in Agricultural and Extension Education with a focus in Entomology. While working as an Office Administrator, she also was privileged to be the first professional woman to be employed in agriculture by the Mississippi Extension Service. She was the first woman in the United States to be a Pesticide Coordinator/Specialist, and the first woman to ever serve on the executive board of Mississippi Entomological Association. She completed her professional career of 42 years at MSU in 2002. She was a

member of many honor societies and civic clubs. After retirement, she was an avid historian of Starkville and Oktibbeha County. She wrote weekly articles for the Starkville Daily News about Starkville and Oktibbeha County. Ruth was a member of the Starkville Church of God. For the last 30 years, she had attended First United Methodist Church of Starkville.

Ruth is survived by her sister Faye Jones of Gautier, Mississippi, and Janie Loveless and husband, Ira, of Starkville, Mississippi. She is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews: Lane Jones, Bart Jones, Stacie Jones (John) Harper, and Cindy Benson (Heath) Prewitt. One of her greatest joys was being "Foo Foo" to her great-nephews and great-nieces: Cody Prewitt, Seth Prewitt, Tori Jones, Kylie Jones, Peyton Jones, Presley Jones, Parker Jones, Morgan Lander, Johnnie Lynn Harper, and Hylie Brooke Harper. She was preceded in death by her parents, George Smithers "Coty" and Gertrude Hughes Morgan; and her sister, Peggy Morgan.

Serving as pallbearers are Bart Jones, Lane Jones, Mike Hemphill, Morgan Landers, Peyton Jones, and Parker Jones. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Edna Ruth Morgan Memorial Scholarship (400206) at Mississippi State University Foundation, P. O. Box 6149, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Online donations may be made at msufoundation.com and designated for the Edna Ruth Morgan Memorial Scholarship.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Laclaudica Perry, caregiver and friend, during Ruth's last few years. The family would also like to thank Elaine Hemphill, cousin, and Perian Kerr, friend, for their weekly visits.

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.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
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Interment

JUN 19 (CT)

Odd Fellows Cemetery
University Drive
Starkville, MS 39759

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I’m very sorry to learn about Ruth. I worked with her with the MSU Extension Service and remember her as a professional in her work. My best condolences to the family.

Jimmy Bonner - June 19, 2023 at 12:41 PM

JR

“ Jean Reeves purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Edna Ruth Morgan.



Jean Reeves - June 18, 2023 at 10:23 PM

JG

“ Ruth was a wonderful boss and mentor. She will be missed and fondly remembered by many. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Jackie Coley Gorman

Jacqueline Gorman - June 18, 2023 at 03:33 PM

KR

“ Condolences to the family. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Ruth will be dearly missed by all of us. Love and Prayers, from Kathryn Randell.

Kathryn Randell - June 18, 2023 at 12:38 PM

JD

Love and prayers to all of Ruth's family. When talking to her it did not take long to know how much she loved all of you. She and I sat together at church at FUMC for many years and I have missed seeing her in recent years. My sympathy to all of you. Love, Jackie Downer.

Jackie Downer - June 18, 2023 at 02:52 PM

EJ

I have fond memories of Ruth as a pioneer in a male-dominated subject area, but she excelled and was highly regarded. Rest in Heaven dear lady.

Everlyn S. Johnson - June 20, 2023 at 02:38 PM