



## Gladys Taylor Merritt

July 3, 1923 - January 8, 2015

Gladys Taylor Merritt, 91, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at her residence in Louisville, Mississippi. Visitation will be Saturday, January 10, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2015, at Poplar Flat Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Childs officiating. Interment will follow in Poplar Flat Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Jonathan Peebles officiating.

She was a lifelong member of Poplar Flat Baptist Church where she was active in the WMU, in Sunday School, the choir, and served and held officer positions on various committees in the church and in the Winston Baptist Association.

In 1941, after graduating from Louisville High School, she moved from the Highpoint Community to town and rented a room at Mrs. Hanna's boarding house. Her first job was with the Selected Service Agency and then with the Citizens Bank of Louisville.

She met Leon Merritt and they were married October 3, 1945. They bought a beautiful home and 40 acres which is today known as White Circle. Later they sold that home and built a home in town on North Church Avenue and began Merritt Plumbing Company where she worked alongside Leon to manage the

business.

She was loved by all; serving others was her gift and cooking was her specialty. She was always there for her family and friends. She visited the sick, held the hands of dying friends and family; attended weddings; funerals; showers; recitals; and prepared meals for family, friends, and their children. She continued to do these things until she was not physically able to do this anymore.

Gladys is survived by her husband of 69 years, Leon Merritt; her daughter, Carol Higginbotham and husband, Robert, all of Louisville, Mississippi; and her son, Joe Merritt and wife, Diana, of Texas. She loved being “Meemaw” to her six grandchildren: Joshua McNeill; Julee McNeill; J. D. McNeill; Megan Merritt; Emma Teague and husband, Wesley; and Kiel Higginbotham and wife, Lara; and to her two great-grandchildren, Maci Jane McNeill and Jett Higginbotham. She is also survived by her brother, Ester Taylor and wife, Marjorie; and a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Virgie Bagwell Taylor; four brothers, Burtron Taylor; J. B. Taylor; Freeman Taylor; and Morris Taylor; and by four sisters, Allie Mae Cockrell; Bonnie Ellis; Bessie Alene Taylor; and Mattie Doris Taylor.

She was content, full of joy, faithful, kind, never envious, never holding a grudge, never raising her voice. She did not store up her treasures in things of this world. Her love for her family and her friends cannot be measured and for her 91 years she was truly blessed.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kiel Higginbotham, J. D. McNeill, Joshua McNeill, Bobby Stubbs, Wesley Teague, and Norman White. Memorials may be given to the Poplar Flat Cemetery Fund, P. O. Box 684, 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](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Poplar Flat Cemetery

2188 Poplar Flat Road  
Louisville, MS 39339

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 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

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Poplar Flat Baptist Church  
2188 Poplar Flat Road  
Louisville, MS 39339

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gladys Taylor Merritt*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Gilda and Robert Lopez, Brenda and Tom Wolf purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Gladys Taylor Merritt.*



**Gilda and Robert Lopez, Brenda and Tom Wolf** - January 10, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ *Doyle And Margie lit a candle in memory of Gladys Taylor Merritt*



**Doyle and Margie** - January 10, 2015 at 08:46 AM



*We are so happy to have know Gladys. A joy to be around and a great Lady.*

**Doyle and Margie** - January 10, 2015 at 08:47 AM

 Peggy  
Gates

“ *Julee and families, We pray for God's comfort during your loss. She lived a long life, gave love to her family, and created a lifetime of memories for all of you. She is not gone, she is just away, and we will all meet in Heaven another day. Love ya girl. Peggy Gates*

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**Peggy Gates** - January 10, 2015 at 07:40 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Gladys Taylor Merritt.*



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January 09, 2015 at 04:28 PM