



## Iora Lavergne

April 3, 1927 - May 8, 2016

Iora S. Lavergne, 89, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, May 8, 2016, at her residence in Sturgis, Mississippi. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 11, 2016, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016, in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dewayne Kelsey officiating. Interment will follow in East County Line Cemetery.

Iora was born April 3, 1927, to George and Supelia Reynolds Spears. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Louisville; and she was retired from Winston County Hospital and Nursing Home where she was the certified Director of Environmental Services.

Ms. Lavergne is survived by two daughters, Sherlene Abrigo and husband, Vicente, of Brandon, Mississippi; and Jennifer Lindsey and husband, Johnny, of Sturgis; and her son, Rifton Lavergne of Eunice, Louisiana; Joseph Nowell and family; Melanie Kemp Boyle and family; Valerie Kemp Needham and family; and Rachel Nowell Stephens and family. Also left to mourn her passing is her sister-in-law, Virginia Spears of Centerville, Tennessee; and two brothers-in-law, J. B. Lavergne and wife, Alma, of San Diego, California; and Clifton Lavergne of Opelousas, Louisiana. One of her greatest joys was being "Granny" to her 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hilman Lavergne;

her parents; her son, Emery Lavergne; her daughter, Joyce Soileau; and two grandsons, Thomas Lee Baker, Jr. and Jacob Wayne Nowell; two brothers, D. L. Spears and Riley E. Spears; and six sisters, Georgia Spears; Arrietta Taylor; Lucille Norris; Neal Burchfield; Ima Cummings; and an infant sister.

Serving as pallbearers will be Vicente Abrigo, Billy Needham, Joseph Nowell, Daniel Spears, Lafayette Spears, and Wayne Winters.

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

## East County Line Baptist Church Cemetery

Nowell-Taylor Road  
Louisville, MS 39339

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 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

MAY 12. 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



“ *lora Lavergne*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of lora Lavergne.*



May 10, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *My greatest memories of "Granny" are the many stories her granddaughter, Dr. Melanie K. Boyle, would tell me of her. Melanie adored her granny and her granny adored her. No matter what, Melanie would find a way to visit and talk to her granny to tell her how much she loved her. This was not always made easy for her, but Melanie would make it happen because nothing could keep her from her granny. My sincere sympathies to Melanie and her family - Greg, Maya, Malerie and Mikayla - on the loss of their beloved granny. Love never dies; it continues forever.*

**Angie Cutrer** - May 10, 2016 at 11:16 AM