



Joyce C. Varner

July 18, 1928 - September 10, 2019

Joyce Jackson Varner, 91, was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at the Choctaw County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Ackerman, Mississippi. Visitation will be Friday, September 13, 2019, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at Antioch Baptist Church with Rev. Pam Varner Woodson and Rev. Danny Irving officiating. Interment will follow in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

Mrs. Varner was born July 18, 1928, to Bernice Boone and Velma Crowson Jackson in Sturgis, Mississippi. Joyce attended Sturgis School and Wood Junior College where she loved to play basketball. She was young when she became a Christian and was a faithful member of Antioch Baptist Church. Mrs. Varner served as treasurer for Antioch Baptist Church for countless years as well as treasurer for the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery fund in her later years. Joyce and Louis Varner stood as pillars at Antioch Baptist Church and an example for anyone who sought to serve the Lord. Joyce loved gospel hymns and encouraged her children to participate in church music.

Two of Mrs. Varner's favorite roles in life were being wife to Louis Jr. Varner and mother to Dannell, Jackie, Pam, Robert and Robin. She stated at one point that the happiest day of her life was "when I married dad." They were

together for 69 years when Louis passed away in 2016. She enjoyed flowers, hunting, and fishing. She was fun loving and enjoyed a great laugh. Mrs. Varner worked from time to time in retail. Joyce was gifted in hospitality, baking and cooking for family and friends throughout her lifetime.

Mrs. Varner loved her family dearly. She is survived by her children Dannel Irving (Jimmy); Jackie Ganann (Billy); Pam Woodson (Barry Fortenberry); Robert Varner (Carolyn); and Robin Ballard (Chris). One of her greatest joys was being "Mamaw" to her fifteen grandchildren: Chris Stephenson (Amy); Ryan Irving (Whitney); Candace Stephenson; Kasie Ganann Baxter (Benji); Karla Ganann Raines (Tony Mark); Kylie Ganann Stanford; Jessica Woodson Wade (Matt); Daniel Woodson, Lauren Woodson Armstrong (Weston); Brent Varner (Madison); Leslie Varner Bustin (Cameron); Bryce Varner; Dillon Ballard; Lana Ballard; Jena Ballard. Also left to mourn the passing of their "Mamaw" are fifteen great-grandchildren; Nelson Irving, Shepard Irving, Christopher Dean; Rowan Dean, Henley Baxter, Logan Raines, Karder Raines, Kimber Raines, Bella Stanford, Knox Stanford, Kandler Stanford, Ryan Wade, Lillian Wade, Paisley Woodson and soon to be Olivia (Livi) Varner Armstrong due in December. She is also survived by a brother, Bob Jackson, and a sister Janice Robbins.

Mrs. Varner was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Jr. Varner, her parents, Bernice and Velma Jackson; her parents-in-law Theodore and Jessie Varner, three brothers, Aurie, Bre, and Dan; one grandson, Walter Brent Stanford, Jr., and one great-grandson, Mark Raines.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to The Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Butch Miller, 32220 Highway 25 North, Sturgis, MS 39769

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

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

Louisville, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 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/>

Visitation

SEP 14. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
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Service

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Antioch Baptist Church
Highway 25 North
Louisville, MS 39339

Tribute Wall

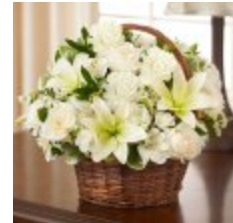


“ *Joyce C. Varner*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Joyce C. Varner.*



September 12, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ *Our love and prayers are with you during this time! May God's peace and comfort be with you all. Much love, Carol and Bob McGaha*

carol - September 11, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ *Dannell --- Praying for you and your family.*

Rodger Keene - September 11, 2019 at 12:19 PM

EF

“ I would like to express my condolences to the Varner family. My mother, Delores Crowson Nichols loved Joyce and now they are together in heaven along with her mom and dad and my mom and dad and all of the brothers and sisters of the Crowson family.

I just lost my husband of 53 years also. I pray for comfort for the family in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Mary Ellen Nichols Forester
North Carolina*

Ellen Forester - September 11, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joyce C. Varner.*



September 11, 2019 at 10:52 AM

SG

“ *I know many Pleasant Hill and Antioch friends and family are rejoicing in heaven to be with Joyce again. Love and prayers for your family during this time of loss.*

Sandra and Steve Gladney

sandra gladney - September 10, 2019 at 05:35 PM

BJ

“ To Joyce’s family.....we are so very sorry to read of her death. We only got to see her a couple of times but we have very fond memories of the Jackson reunion at the old house. She and your dad always made we “other side if the Jackson family” feel special and enjoyed being there. Fond memories and we will be remembering all of you in prayer.

Bettye & Robert Jackson - September 10, 2019 at 04:54 PM

KT

“ Mrs. Varner was such a kind, thoughtful lady. She always wanted to do for others.
It was very hard for her to accept anything from others. She always welcomed you into her home with so much hospitality. She especially offered anyone who entered something to eat and or drink and really insist that you partake of the offer.
She was so kind hearted and loving. I always enjoyed those vists with her as well as with both her and Mr. Varner while he was still there.
They were such a loving couple. You never had to doubt about their relationship with the Lord.
What a Blessing she was to so many. She always made me feel like family.
I pray for all her Children and Grands during this time of sorrow,
May God bless each of you.

Love,
Kay Todd

Kay Todd - September 10, 2019 at 03:28 PM