



Mavis Helen Jennings Woods

February 24, 1930 - September 26, 2019

Mavis Helen Jennings Woods, 89, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Visitation will be Sunday, September 29, from 12 p.m. until service time at South Louisville Baptist Church in Louisville. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, September 29, at South Louisville Baptist Church with Rev. Trent Jaudon officiating. Interment will immediately follow the service in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mavis, affectionately known by her family as “Tootsie,” was born in “Happy Hollow” in the Lobutchka Community on February 24, 1930, to Audley Andrew and LuVeda McDaniel Jennings. She married Willis “Clarence” Woods in 1948 and they joined South Louisville Baptist Church in 1955 where she has been an active member in everything from Sunday school to evening service. She was actively involved in the VIP Group activities at church such as Bible study, traveling, lunches, and speakers. Mavis would sometimes comment that someone attended who was “too young for the VIP group” or someone did not attend even though they were old enough to attend! After his return from World War II, she and Clarence purchased Woods Grocery where, for many years, they served their community. After working long hours at the store each day, she enjoyed her “therapy” of planting flowers, working in her yard and her needlework.

Mavis is survived by her daughter Cathy Woods Kiningham and husband Tom of Sewanee, Tennessee; and her daughter-in-law Beverly Woods of Louisville. One of her greatest joys was being "Grandmother" to her grandchildren: Stephanie Townsend, Jason (Misty) Townsend, Amber (Travis) Naccarato, Spring (Chris) Moody, and Andrew Woods; and her 11 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind three sisters: Mamie Sue (Guy) Woods, Margie Fay (Thomas) Scott, and Betty Jo (John) Mitchell. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years Willis "Clarence" Woods; her beloved son Andy Woods; and her parents.

Serving as pallbearers are Chris Moody, Travis Naccarato, Michael Patsolic, Ethan Townsend, Jason Townsend, Landon Townsend, and Andrew Woods. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in honor of Mavis be given to South Louisville Baptist Church, 933 South Church Avenue, 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.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Cemetery

18075 East John C. Stennis Drive
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

South Louisville Baptist Church
612 South Church Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mavis Helen Jennings Woods*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Richard and I send our condolences with love and care. We will be praying for you all in the days ahead. “Miss” Mavis was a kind and loving southern lady with the love of her LORD showing in every thing she did or said. She will be missed by many.*

Judy Ford - October 02, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers with you and your family during this time of sorrow. Mrs.Mavis was such a sweet lady I remember going by her house growing up. She will be missed.*

Lisa Blanset- Addy

Lisa Addy - September 29, 2019 at 09:47 PM

BS

“When Jean and I received the news on Tootsie we were totally devastated.... Words cannot describe what we are feeling, and our condolences go out to the entire family.
God Bless Tootsie’s (Mavis!) soul....

So, as I say good bye to this dear lady, here is what I want her to know and I know God will let her have this email up in heaven!

Dearest Tootsie.....

“We grew up together in Happy Hollow.....What memories we made...and, that I do have now to treasure, forever....

You were a few years older than Loretta and me.... and, I recall how fiercely you protected my sister and me throughout our childhood days.

A month ago when I visited you in MS, you and I drove up through Happy Hollow-What memories, what laughs we shared as we relived days gone by.

You told me about your family and how proud you were of each and every one of them.

You shared with me how much you looked forward to receiving Mamie’s phone call each morning.

You told me what great neighbors you had..... And, I got to meet some of them during my trip to see you this year. I was so honored to meet Kate...What a friend she was to you!

You also shared with me how Beverly had assisted you for years.

Tootsie, finally, I’ll never forget our lively, special phone calls over the last several months. Hardly a day went by when we did not talk on the phone . And now, I thank God for letting us have that

priceless time together.

Love always to you, Tootsie..... Bill Steed

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand*

Bill Steed - September 29, 2019 at 05:32 AM

PJ

“ *Tootsie was considered to be a third daughter by my parents, Maxie and Vergia Jennings. She and Clarence were very kind and helpful to them as they grew older. I loved her. My prayers are with you all as you grieve the passing of your mother, grandmother, great grandmother, mother-in-law and friend.
Blessings, Patsy Ruth Jennings*

PATSY R JENNINGS - September 28, 2019 at 08:34 AM

MR

“ *Mavis and Clarence have been synonymous with South Louisville Baptist Church for over 60 years. They have worked hard and toiled in their business as well as their church and community. May the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren follow this legacy left to them by mirroring this dedication.
Mike & Kathy Rogers*

Mike & Kathy Rogers - September 27, 2019 at 03:06 PM

CM

“ Prayers for all of you in the days to come. Tootsie, as we all knew her, was very kind to my mother and dad that she knew as her Aunt Vergie and Uncle Maxie. They loved going to her house for the annual Easter Egg Hunt . Peace to each of you. Love, Richard and Charlotte Jennings McGraw

Charlotte Jennings McGraw - September 27, 2019 at 02:54 PM

SJ

“ Prayers for your family during this loss of your Mom!! Such sweet memories from church!! 🙏🙏

Susan Johnson - September 27, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mavis Helen Jennings Woods.



September 27, 2019 at 01:03 PM

PJ

“ Our prayers are with the family,,,,, Tootsie will be truly missed by our family,, we all loved her dearly,,,, She had a Heart of Gold,,,,,

Phillip Craig Jennings , Deborah R Jennings
Lauren Marie Kinsey , Micheal Kinsey and Miss Copelyn Reese
Kinsey

Phillip Craig Jennings - September 27, 2019 at 10:10 AM