



## Melissa Hathorn Gordon

June 22, 1924 - March 10, 2011

Mrs. Melissa Hathorn Gordon, 86, of Philadelphia, Mississippi, passed away at the Baptist Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, on Thursday, March 10, 2011. Visitation will be at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville, Mississippi, on Saturday, March 12, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until service time. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel with interment following in Memorial Park Cemetery. Rev. Mack Alford will be officiating. Mrs. Gordon was born to Percy Bryant "Hop" and Canzada Wade Triplett Hathorn on June 22, 1924. She retired from Philadelphia School system where she taught history. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Mississippi, where she was a resident since 1962. Mrs. Gordon was a graduate of Louisville High School as well as the University of Mississippi and she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Gordon is survived by one daughter, Patricia Ann Gordon, of Clinton, Mississippi; one sister, Jane Hathorn Cotten and husband, Jimmy, of Jackson, Mississippi; one niece, Joy Roessel and husband, Larry; one nephew, Bryant Cotten, and wife, Lori; one great-nephew, Lawrence Roessel; and two great-nieces, Krista and Alex Cotten. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Basil (Bobby) Gordon and her parents, Percy Bryant "Hop" and Canzada Wade Triplett Hathorn.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, Mississippi, is handling the arrangements. You may sign the guestbook at [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Hathorn Gordon*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Pat:*

*How many memories I have of Awie (has that ever been written... I have no idea how to spell it?). Since most of my memories were from childhood (which are always the best kind)... can you imagine being a kid at the Fair and actually being handed a roll of ride tickets? Well, that was me! Everyday she worked, I would stop by and visit. She welcomed me each day. It became a ritual year over year and I love it.*

*Of course, I remember (or maybe I just know the stories) eating raw hot dogs on her 'playhouse' porch. Visiting her next door. And then I moved... but I always stopped by when I was back in town.*

*She will be dearly missed my many. My thoughts and prayers are with you today.*

*Love always,  
Brook (Jordan) Grubs*

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**Brook Grubs** - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ *Pat, please know that my love and prayers go out to you and all the family. I wish I could be there, but know that my heart is. Your mother was probably one of the most generous, loving persons I have ever known, and she will be missed. I was so blessed to have her in my life. Lots of hugs go out to you!!!*

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**Jann Jordan** - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Our Condolences on your loss of your Mother.*

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**Gene & Elaine Gray** - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Mrs. Gordon was one of my favorite teachers at PHS in the '80s. She was strict but also fair and compassionate. I will remember her fondly. Before she was my teacher, she was a neighbor of my grandparents on Center Ave. My condolences to her family and friends.*

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**David Lundy** - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM