



Shirley Joan "Jo" Speaks Taylor

May 7, 1936 - April 9, 2022

Shirley Joan "Jo" Speaks Taylor, 85, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Choctaw County Nursing Home in Ackerman, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Monday, April 11, in the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Scott Edwards officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 12:30 p.m. until service time at Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville. Interment will immediately follow the service in Louisville Memorial Cemetery.

Jo was born May 7, 1936, to Noble and Lucine Ward Speaks in Deemer, Mississippi. She was an active member of South Louisville Baptist Church until her failing health prevented her attendance. Jo enjoyed cooking, working in her flowers and watching her birds. She also enjoyed traveling as well as visiting with others and spending time with her family. For many years, she worked for Spartus Corporation. Later, she worked at Community Counseling Service in Macon until she retired.

Jo is survived by her daughter Jackie Brantley and husband Larry of Louisville. One of her greatest joys was being "MawMaw" to her three grandchildren: Matthew (Stacey) Farish, Tim Farish, and Jessie (Josh) Stennett. She also leaves behind four great-grandchildren whom she dearly loved: Taylor, Hayden, and Gavin Farish and Adelyn Stennett. Jo was preceded in death by her husband Jack Taylor, and two sisters Jean Davis

and Linda Speaks.

Serving as pallbearers are Mike Back, Taylor Farish, Jimmy Lovorn, Keith Matzek, Glenn Sisson, and Josh Stennett. Memorials in honor of Jo may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at stjude.org/donate.

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.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>

Interment

APR 11 (CT)

Louisville Memorial Cemetery
18075 East John C. Stennis Drive
Louisville, MS 39339

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Joan "Jo" Speaks Taylor

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ Jackie, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a very special lady. She was one of the sweetest, most caring people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. Jo, like her mother, had a personality that would light up a room just by walking in the door. My heart breaks for you and your family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love you all,
Lynn Watson

Lynn Watson - April 11, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ To Jackie and Family,
I knew Jo from working at Spartus back in the 80's. In later years, I worked with her daughter Jackie at Taylor and later on did house work for Jo. She was a loving and talkative person. We shared many conversations in her home and during trips to the doctor in Meridian. Bless her heart she would talk all the way down there and back. We had a lots of fond memories of working at Spartus and in her home. Jackie, always remember that God said in His word that He would never leave nor forsake us. Take care and what a blessing it was to have such a sweet mother.

Love,
Dorothy Johnson

Dorothy Johnson - April 11, 2022 at 09:51 AM

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“ *Jo was a longtime friend of mine beginning in the late 70's at Spartus and later at Louisville Healthcare where my mom was. She is at peace and rest with those gone before her. Praying for her loved ones.*

Jimmy Thompson - April 09, 2022 at 03:37 PM