



Topsy Ruth Hickox

January 4, 1938 - August 14, 2022

Topsy Ruth Dempsey Hickox, age 84, passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at Winston Medical Center Nursing Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 16 in the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be the day of the service at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until service time. Interment will immediately follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Topsy was born on January 4, 1938, to John and Ruby Giffin Dempsey. She enjoyed playing the piano and singing in church; she also enjoyed growing flowers. With her bubbly personality, Topsy loved being with people, especially her family always ending a conversation with “I love you and God Bless you.”

Topsy is survived by two daughters Kathy Clark and husband Keith of McCool, Mississippi, and Lisa Edwards of San Diego, California; and two sons John Edwards of Sarasota, Florida, and Alan Edwards of Louisville. One of her greatest joys was being “Grandma Topsy” to her seven grandchildren: Kassie Lloyd, Ben Clark, Sara Unseth, Stephanie Phillipson, Kelly Gray, Amelia, Carey, and Rachel Edwards as well as her 18 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her siblings: Carol Crosby, Lottie (Shelton) Whitmire, Jimmie (JoAnne) Dempsey, and David Lynn Dempsey, and sister-in-law Dean Dempsey. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother John Hubert Dempsey.

Serving as pallbearers are Robby Lloyd, Zachary Lloyd, Jason Phillipson, Jacob Massey, Trace Sullivan, and Jeff Gray. Memorial contributions in honor of Topsy may be given to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund, 445 Giffin Rd, Louisville, MS 39339, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at stjude.org/memorial.

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

Pleasant Hill Methodist Church Cemetery

445 Giffin Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 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

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

AUG 16 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Topsy you were one of the most loving and precious ladies in my life. You loved my children as your own. I thank God for your loving Witness that you shared just by being yourself. Thank you for your spirit of love and forgiveness and decency.*

Deborah Urch Robbins (Hickox) - April 29, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ *Topsy Ruth Hickox*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



Topsy was the sweetest woman and had the most giving heart of anyone I have ever known. I am proud to say for several years I was a step daughter-in-law. After she left Georgia and moved back to Mississippi and had moved on as well and no longer a part of that family, I lost contact with her. I thought of her often and wish I had kept in touch with her. She loved to do for others more than for herself. I loved her from the first time I met her in Sarasota, Fl, way back in the middle 70 and then when we reunited in Georgia in 1979. She loved her children with all her heart. I know she is truly missed by all her family.

Cynthia Morene Adams - September 03, 2024 at 05:44 PM