



Jessye Mae Holifield

December 18, 1925 - May 26, 2020

Jessye Mae Holifield, 94, of Laurel MS, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 26, 2020. She was born December 18, 1925, in Laurel, MS to the late George Larkin and Allo (Reid) Touchstone.

In addition to her parents, Jessye Mae was preceded in death by her beloved husband, M.B. Holifield; sisters, Lillian Faye Visconi, and Neva Rae Meeks; and brother Telsa Touchstone. She is survived by daughters, Peggy (Ronald) Thomaston, Vancleave, MS, and Judith (Keith) Gordon, Pearl, MS; sons, David (Reba) Holifield, and Danny Holifield, all of Laurel; 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren; sister, Ninaveh (D.W.) Myrick; brother, Latrelle (Carolyn) Touchstone; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Most of her life Jessye Mae was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, where she taught in their first Bible School. During her active years she was a loyal choir member and endearing Sunday School teacher to many children, and sang with the Singing Saints.

Jessye Mae was known for her cooking from the JCJC choir tours and her children's summer encampments to family reunions. Her greatest joy was to see all her family gathered around her table. She also loved music of all genres, "as long as it was in good taste", as she would say. Jessye Mae was an avid gardener (vegetables and flowers) and crafter, which included cross stitch, crochet, ceramics, and knitting. She was an excellent seamstress, from competition gowns to 'Easter Frocks'. Her care giving was extended beyond

family, friends, and neighbors when she returned to school after the death of her husband, at age 48, graduating with honors and receiving her LPN license.

She went on to work at Jones County Community Hospital, later name changed to South Central Regional Medical Center, for 15+ years, before retiring at age 65.

Memory Chapel Funeral Home, Laurel, MS, will be in charge of the graveside service which will be held at the Shady Grove Cemetery, 4514 Hwy 15N, Laurel, MS. Viewing will begin at 1:30 pm with service to follow at 2:00 pm. on Monday, June 1st. Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons to include Gerald Gordon, Matthew Thomaston, Brent Holifield, Jonathon Miller, Aaron Miller, Joey Thomaston, and honorary pallbearers Jeffrey Holifield, Jacob Thomaston, and Jude Thomaston.

Immediately following the graveside service there will be a Celebration of Life to be held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Shady Grove. All attendees are ask to abide by social distancing guidelines according to COVID regulations. To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove Cemetery
4514 Hy 15 N
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Ms. Jessie Mae's family. I will always remember her as one of the kindest Christian women I have ever known.*
She was so special.
Love in Christ,
Faye Brent

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