



Ruth Gregg Ishee

September 5, 1936 - November 8, 2016

Mrs. Ishee passed to her heavenly home around eleven o'clock in the morning on November 8, 2016, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Ruth was born to Robert and Myrtle Gregg in Taylorville, Mississippi, September 5, 1936. She was a graduate of Taylorville High School class of 1953. She spent most of her adult life as a resident in Laurel, Mississippi, though she did live in other communities around the area, with a short stay in California. Mrs. Ishee was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church where she served as coordinator for meals to her church family in times of bereavement and illness.

Ruth met her future husband, Billy Ray Ishee, at the age of sixteen, and they married not long after, on February 21, 1953. She always said that it was love at first sight, and they had fifty-four years of marital bliss, surviving many trials, but always loving each other. For a number years, Ruth and Bill served as foster parents, with many of the children they cared for continuing a relationship with them into their adult lives and calling them Mama Ruth and Daddy Bill. Ruth also cared for children as a long-time daycare owner. She was renowned in the South Mississippi Fair circuit, where she won cooking and canning contests year after year.

Mrs. Ishee was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Ishee; her parents John Robert Gregg and Myrtle Hathorne Gregg; two children, Robert Arthur Ishee and Jeannie Ishee Gatlin; and four brothers, Bobby Joe Gregg, Tom Gregg, John Gregg, and Buddy Gregg. She is survived by two sons, David

(Joni) Ishee of Soso, Mississippi, and Eddy Ishee of Laurel, Mississippi; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her sister, author, Mary Lou Gregg Cooke (Mary Lou Cheatham) of Shreveport, Louisiana; a host of nieces and nephews, among them authors, Jameson Gregg and Janet Taylor-Perry; and too many friends to count.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 11, 2016, at Memory Chapel with visitation beginning prior to the service at 9:30 a.m.

Interment will follow at Pleasant Home Cemetery.

To sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 9:30 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Tribute Wall

GH

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Ruth was a sweet lady.*

Geneva, Dan, & Stephen Herring - November 12, 2016 at 12:06 PM

LB

“ *What a privilege to have known you, lovely Ruth. I am so glad Janet introduced us. You meant so much to her, as you have to so many others. You gave love and joy to many people. Well done, good and faithful servant.*

Lottie Brent Boggan

Lottie Brent Boggan - November 11, 2016 at 07:14 AM

CG

“ *Carol & Gregory Gregg, Marla Brian II, and Aaron Griffitt purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ruth Gregg Ishee.*



Carol & Gregory Gregg, Marla Brian II, and Aaron Griffitt -
November 10, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *Janet Taylor-Perry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth Gregg Ishee.*



Janet Taylor-Perry - November 10, 2016 at 01:05 PM

JG

“ Momma Ruth was a very special woman. She took me in as her own, let me live in her house until Jeannie and I could get married, and always treated me very kindly. I will miss her phone calls. And I find it ironic that we are laying her to rest on 11/11/2016, which would have been My Jeannie's 59th Birthday. Now her and Ruth can celebrate in Heaven.

John Gatlin

John Gatlin - November 10, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Gregg Ishee.



November 10, 2016 at 09:24 AM

MU

“ Mary and John Cooke, Christie and Brandt Underwood purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ruth Gregg Ishee.



Mary and John Cooke, Christie and Brandt Underwood -
November 09, 2016 at 10:18 PM

SG

“ *I wish that I had been able to meet and know Ruth. Her sister, Mary, is a dear friend.....and my prayers are with the family as you face the days and weeks ahead without this beautiful soul.*

*Prayers.....
Sarah Walker Gorrell
Taylorsville, MS*

Sarah W. Gorrell - November 09, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Aunt Ruth and her family, one of the most important things in her life.*



Janet Taylor-Perry - November 09, 2016 at 08:56 PM

MR

“ *Mary Helen Jernigan And Debra Russ lit a candle in memory of Ruth Gregg Ishee*



Mary Helen Jernigan and Debra Russ - November 09, 2016 at 07:37 PM