



Betty Dabney,

November 11, 1923 - May 22, 2013

Betty was born on November 11, 1923, to Warren and May Taylor in Louisville, MS. She died peacefully on May 22, 2013 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, surrounded by her family. Her musical talent was recognized and encouraged by her parents at a very early age. She graduated from Louisville High School and Mississippi State College for Women with a major in piano. She furthered her education at New York City's Julliard School earning her Masters in Music. After returning to Jackson, she worked for her father in the family business, Taylor Machinery. While in Jackson, she was the assistant organist at First Baptist Church. She met Dr. Moncure Dabney in 1961, on a blind date that both of them were reluctant to accept. She thought they had a good time, but she did not hear from him for several weeks. When he did finally call, he said he had been too busy delivering babies. They married three months later. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Crystal Springs gained a new member as well as an accomplished musician. She served as the organist there for 47 years. She was very generous with her time and her talents. She served as a substitute pianist or organist for many churches and organizations. Betty was honored by the Chaminade Club of Mississippi in 2008, having served 50 years as a member. She served as treasurer of the P.E.O.-Chapter F of Jackson, was an enthusiastic supporter of the Jackson Symphony, and a member of the Casual Club. Betty was a charter member of the Crystal Springs Junior Auxiliary, a member of the Daughters of the American

Revolution, and a member and past president of the McDowell Music Club. A She was a member of the Sewing Circle, Book Club, various bridge clubs, and a volunteer music appreciation teacher at Copiah Academy. A A She was a distinguished member of the Huntin A€™ and Fishin A€™ Club of Crystal Springs. A A close friend recently commented, "When I think about Betty, I remember her elegance, her sense of style, her graciousness and her admiration of Ronald Reagan." She was preceded in death by her brother, Warren Greer Taylor, her parents, Warren and May Taylor, and her husband, Dr. Moncure Dabney. A A She is survived by daughter Gigi Dabney Smith (Jeff), grandsons Brandon Taylor Smith, William Moncure Smith, Benjamin Victor Smith and Jacob Warren Smith, brother, Larry Taylor (Peggy) of Jackson and numerous nieces and nephews. A A Visitation will be Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, A 204 West Railroad Avenue, Crystal Springs. Memorial service will be Friday at 10:00 AM at the church with burial at the Crystal Springs Cemetery. A In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 812, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, 39059. A The family would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to the SICU staff at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.,

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Dabney,*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *We are praying for your family. She and Dr, Dabney shared our concern for our country and our love for Reagan.,*

Edna Earle and Raiford Crews - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *so sorry to lean of mrs. dabney passing. I remember her from when I grew up in crystal springs. prayers are with the family at this time.,*

florria broocks - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy. Betty was a special lady whom I feel fortunate to have known. She was always so gracious and kind. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.,*

Barbara Sojourner - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM