



Charlene Howard

March 30, 1939 - June 26, 2023

Charlene Howard passed away June 27, 2023. Visitation will be 10am until the service at 11am Friday at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Howard graduated from Crystal Springs Consolidated School. She was an office manager, executive secretary and bookkeeper. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association

She loved gardening and was a 25-year member of the Master Gardeners; also was past president of the Old Garden Rose Society. Her gardens were featured in various magazines and newspapers.

She was a proud member of the Crystal Springs First Baptist Church choir and Crystal Belles handbell choir. Mrs. Howard served on 9 mission trips to Honduras.

She was preceded in death by Claude T. McNeill (First husband) and Sherri Darlene McNeill (infant daughter).

She is survived by Ray C. Howard (Husband) Crystal Springs, Tal McNeill (Son) Gallman, Etta Rae Courtney (Sister) Florence, MS, Deborah King, (Stepdaughter) Crystal Springs, Molly McNeill Hamilton (Granddaughter),

Clinton, Anna McNeill Sanders (Granddaughter), Clinton, Ian McNeill (Grandson), Gallman, Britton King (Grandson), Crystal Springs, Evan King (Grandson), Madison, Wesley King (Grandson), Crystal Springs, and 6 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to make a donation in Charlene Howard's name to Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation, P.O. Box 520, Crystal Springs, MS 39059.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

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Crystal Springs, MS 39059

Tribute Wall

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“ We bought our house 30+ years ago in Crystal Springs. Shortly after a lady rang the doorbell one day while we were there working to restore it. Charlene introduced herself and asked if I would mind if she put a flowerbed around the huge oak tree in the front yard if she furnished all the plants from her own yard. I told her that’s was exactly what I had planned to do. I asked what she would charge and she just laughed and said “not a dime”. Even after I insisted she let me pay, she just politely told me she would be back in a day or two and I heard her say it would be doing her a favor because she need to “thin” out a lot of plants. True to her word, she returned and when we came back the next weekend, there was a large beautiful flowerbed. The original plants are no longer there nor did the oak tree survive a lightning struck years later, but the bed has survived and I have always been thankful for Charlene’s kindness even though she refused to accept any payment. She was a truly kindhearted beautiful lady that I will never forget. Prayers for her family.

Kathy Dawson - June 29, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Sandra Cliburn sent a virtual gift in memory of Charlene Howard



Sandra Cliburn - June 29, 2023 at 02:37 PM



John 14 My prayers are with ya'll

Sandra Cliburn - June 29, 2023 at 02:39 PM