



Dorothea Drane Ratliff

February 24, 1931 - November 25, 2021

Dorothea Drane Ratliff, a loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away November 25, 2021.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 30, from 10 am to 11 am at First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst, MS. Funeral service will follow at 11 am in the church sanctuary. A brief graveside service will be held at 2:30 pm at Natchez Trace Cemetery, Madison, MS.

Mrs. Ratliff was born on February 24, 1931 in Jackson, MS. She grew up in Brookhaven, MS and graduated Brookhaven High School. She attended Mississippi State College for Women where she graduated with a degree in Home Economics. While attending MSCW she met the love of her life, Hubert Tinnin Ratliff, Jr.

She worked for Mississippi Power and Light and worked with her husband when he had the Gulf Oil Distributorship in Yazoo City, MS. She later worked as a school librarian and substitute teacher to keep an eye on her children while they were in school. Her substitute teacher nickname was "Sarge". After her children graduated, she indulged her love of cooking catering local wedding receptions and other events.

While in school in Brookhaven, Mrs. Ratliff and friends decided they needed a

social club like the high school girls, so they formed the Brookhaven Belles. This was the beginning of lifelong friendships. The women have remained close throughout the years supporting each other and celebrating each other's successes. These women and their friendship meant the world to her.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst. She had a green thumb and was active in the local garden club. She was also a member of the Junior Auxiliary in both Yazoo City, MS and Crystal Springs, MS.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Hubert Tinnin Ratliff, Jr., her parents D.B. Drane and Carrie Hughes Drane, and her son-in-law Thomas Elliott. She is survived by her children: Carol Ratliff Elliott of Aiken, SC, Rodger Drane Ratliff and his wife Christi of Plano, TX and Diane Ratliff Lisenbe and her husband Timothy of Plano, TX; and grandchildren Dr. Hunter Tinnin Ratliff of Houston, TX and Madison Leigh Ratliff of Plano, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst, 151 Caldwell Dr. Hazlehurst, MS 39083, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothea Drane Ratliff*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Helene Stangel lit a candle in memory of
Dorothea Drane Ratliff*



Helene Stangel - November 28, 2021 at 09:09 AM