



Edwina McRee

March 19, 1932 - May 4, 2023

Edwina McRee, 91, passed away May 4, 2023. Visitation will be 1pm-2pm Sunday at First Baptist Church Chapel, Hazlehurst. Service will be 2pm Sunday at First Baptist Church Chapel, Hazlehurst with burial at Ben Salem Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

Mrs. McRee was born and raised in the Allen Community outside of Hazlehurst, MS. She attended Allen School then Copiah Lincoln Community College. After graduation she went to work for the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield then the Copiah County Co-op under Mr. Ralph Smith until 1966. Everyone that worked with her says she knew everything there was to know about chemicals and farming. This would become a great asset when she met then married Carnell McRee on June 5, 1968. Together they owned and operated a cattle farm. They worked side by side building up the land.

Her work ethic was tremendous. She went to work for Edward Hines Lumber Company in 1966 as a bookkeeper and secretary. After Kitchens Brothers bought the company, she continued in her position until her retirement in 2005. She loved the people she worked with and considered them her family.

Family was important to her. If you were her friend, you were her family. Some of her favorite times were spent in her kitchen cooking and baking for her

family and friends. If you ever enjoyed her biscuits, pound cake, chicken salad, or pimento and cheese you knew you were family. Mrs. Edwina also had the gift of “gab.” If something was going on in Copiah County, she knew it and was quick to keep everyone informed. She had a circle of family and friends that she called daily to check in and check on each other.

Mrs. McRee was a member of First Baptist Church of Hazlehurst. There she was a member of actioneers, Women’s Bible Class and Vota Vita Sunday School Class. She loved Jesus and made Bible reading a priority. Her greatest legacy will be passing that on to her family.

She raised two daughters, Pam and Carolyn, then her granddaughter, Julie. She was lovingly called “Nanny” by her family and most friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carnell McRee; daughter, Mary Carolyn Jones; parents, John James King and Irene Ferguson King; sister, Mary Caroline King and Nell Long; brother, John King, Jr., and her constant companions, her cats, Daisy, Rose, and Lily.

Those left to cherish her memory; daughter, Pam Carroll of Hazlehurst; granddaughter, Julie Webb (Ben) of Meridian; grandson, Stephen Carroll, Hattiesburg; great grandson, Myles Culpepper of Meridian; great granddaughter, Katie Grace Culpepper of Meridian; great granddaughter, Helen Webb of Meridian; sister-in-law, Dorothy King of Brandon; and 4 nephews and many special friends.

Mrs. Edwina will be remembered for her kindness, love, strength, and spirit. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Nancy McCardle lit a candle in memory of Edwina McRee*



Nancy McCardle - May 07, 2023 at 08:22 AM

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“ *There will be only one Edwina! She called to check on us at Copiah County Co-op everyday and maybe twice a day until she fell ill! Heck we work in town and she still kept us up on what was going on! She loved Pam, Carolyn, Julie and her great grandkids fiercely! We know she's in the arms of her sweet Jesus! She will be missed! We loved her! May she rest in peace! Connie, Nancy and Holly from the Co-op.*

Nancy McCardle - May 07, 2023 at 08:21 AM

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“ *Loved Ms Edwina*



sue Marx - May 07, 2023 at 12:49 AM

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I'm sorry that I didn't know until today that Edwina had died. I knew Carnell and his parents before I knew her. I especially recall her assisting Circuit Clerk Mildred Ferguson at the courthouse. I may be wrong, but I think Edwina was related to Mildred's husband, Russ Ferguson. Suffice to say that Edwina was one of the kindest, sweetest people I ever knew. She lived to help other people. She never uttered a harsh or unpleasant word, and on top of that she was extremely smart. I feel blessed to have known her.

Jim Kitchens - May 08, 2023 at 04:01 PM