



## Erma Deen Lewis

September 2, 1927 - February 8, 2025

Erma Deen Lewis, age 97, died Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Edgewood Healthcare and Rehabilitation. Visitation is Monday, February 10, from 5:00 to 8:00 at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs, and services will be at 11:00 am Tuesday, February 11, at Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church.

A native of Covich County, Mrs. Lewis was a lifelong resident of Crystal Springs. She graduated at Crystal Springs Consolidated School, attended Draughton's Business College, and became a Certified Municipal Clerk after being associated with Mississippi State University Extension Service. She retired after 40 years with the city of Crystal Springs as City Clerk and Alderperson. She was a long time member of Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church, servicing as treasurer, church clerk, and active in all phases of churches activities.

She loved the Lord, her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was a member of the Crystal Springs Chamber of Commerce, the First Baptist Church Golden Choir, the Community Relations Council of the Mississippi Job Corps Center, and an inactive member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Lewis was preceded in death by her mother and father, Lina and Judson Cohn, her husband, J.D. Lewis, her sister, Eva Nell Lewis, her brother, Howard "Sonny" Cohn, sons-in-law, Norman Jackson and Mr. Tommy

Jackson, and granddaughter, Heidi Jackson.

Her survivors include her daughters, Dianne Jackson, Barbara Nell Jackson, and Jadeen Barnhart (David), her brothers, Glen Cohn and James Cohn (Ann), seven grandchildren (Tal Jackson, Judson Jackson (Shelly), Cassity Jackson, Cliff Barnhart (Carrie), Elizabeth Huggins, Matthew Barnhart (Claire), and Jay Barnhart), and nine great grandchildren (Tucker Jackson, Wes Curtis, Camdyn Jackson, Jasper Barnhart, Finley Barnhart, Riggs Barnhart, William Barnhart, Piper Huggins, and Ben Barnhart).

Memorials may be made as desired or to the Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church Cemetery Trust Fund at 3121 Didlake Road, Crystal Springs, Mississippi 39059.

# Cemetery Details

## Pilgrams Rest Cemetery

3121 Didlake Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs  
PO Box 431  
26141 Hwy 27  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1521  
[stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net](mailto:stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net)

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrams Rest Baptist Church  
3121 Didlake Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Erma Deen was a pillar of the Crystal Springs community for as long as I can remember. She was the epitome of a dedicated, diligent, and honest public servant. Her happy disposition was contagious. She was a faithful Christian lady and the matriarch of a wonderful family. Her legacy will endure far into the future. My sincere condolences to her family and her legions of friends.

Jim Kitchens - February 10, 2025 at 12:35 PM

DJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you during this time.

Dianne Butler Jones

Dianne B Jones - February 10, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Erma Deen Lewis.

February 09, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erma Deen Lewis.



February 09, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Erma Deen Lewis.*



February 09, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ *Sandra Cliburn lit a candle in memory of Erma Deen Lewis*



**Sandra Cliburn** - February 09, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *An amazing lady....I was blessed to have her life touch mine....prayers with ya'll John14...*

*Sandra Cliburn....Montgomery Texas previously Hazlehurst Mississippi*



**Sandra Cliburn** - February 09, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *The Burbach and Ellsworth families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Erma Deen Lewis.*



**The Burbach and Ellsworth families** - February 09, 2025 at 08:16 PM

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“ *She was like my second Mother! We were all kin and had a great life growing up there in the Pilgrims Rest community!*

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**Carla Smelko** - February 09, 2025 at 05:40 PM

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“ *MS Irma Deen was in my Sunday School class and often quoted Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will direct your path. then she would add with a smile then Just don't worry about it. Her whole life was an inspiration to us. charlene Hynum*

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**charlene Hynum** - February 09, 2025 at 05:17 PM