



Mary Haire

October 18, 1937 - April 4, 2021

Mary Clark Woods Haire, 83, of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.

Mary was born on October 18, 1937, and was the only child of Ambrose and Mary Linn Clark Woods. She graduated from Central High School in Jackson, Mississippi, and attended Mississippi College where she met and married her husband, Joel. She later attended Hinds Community College and earned an Associate's Degree in Health Information Technology.

For 63 years, Mary was a faithful pastor's wife and partner in ministry with her husband in Baptist churches throughout Mississippi. She loved the Lord, loved people, and loved the church. She served in numerous ministry capacities including teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, singing in the choir, and serving on various committees.

Mary was a talented artist and decorator. She loved cooking, gardening, and collecting antiques. She was a gracious hostess and found great joy in opening her beautiful home to friends and family. She was especially happy when surrounded by her grandchildren who knew her as "Grandmary."

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and loving husband, Joel E. Haire. She is survived by her son Mark Haire (Reta) of Brandon, daughter

Melanie Haire of Wesson, grandchildren Beau Wilson, Zack Wilson, Mary Morgan Alford (Kyle), and Molly Haire.

Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral service at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, at First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Burial will follow at Old Crystal Springs Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs. Stringer Family Funeral Services in Crystal Springs is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Haire*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *We were blessed to be members of FBC West Point, MS from 1973 - 1976 when Bro. Haire was the pastor. He was one of the most God-gifted preachers & pastors I have ever known, & Mary was the ideal pastor's wife. The family was a great example of how Christians should live, & Mary was an excellent Sunday School teacher & Women's group leaders.*

My favorite memory of Mary is something she shared with a group of us FBC women. We were discussing how to have a successful, God-centered marriage. She said that sometimes when she would start fussing at Bro. Joel, he would look at her & say, "Mary, would you please pray?" She said, "Do you know how hard it is to fuss & pray at the same time??"

I have thought of this often in our nearly 54 years of marriage & Mary was right. I will always treasure this memory & will never forget sweet, Godly Mary and Bro. Joel. May they once again enjoy the companionship of one another as they stroll through Heaven with Jesus for all eternity.

Dianne Lancaster - April 07, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ Brother and Mrs. Haire were such lovely and spiritual people. They loved the Lord and shower others how to show their love for the Lord. I enjoyed driving past their home in Crystal Springs on the way to and from work. Their gardening efforts refreshed me, and frequently I caught them outside planning and plotting their plants. I will miss running into them at Chick-Fil-A or Waffle House. Some of their favorites for the two of them tell much about their love of each other and of simple joys. May your hearts be comforted with the thought of the two of them together.

Dorothy A. Day - April 07, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ Joel performed the wedding ceremony for me and my late wife in West Point, Mississippi in 1975. As I was reading the obits today I saw the name Haire. I know a Truit Haire here in Alabama and knowing he was from Mississippi I looked further and saw that this lady was Joels wife. Very sad to learn of her passing.

Steve Whitehead - April 07, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ Mary always had a kind word for every one. She would have a smile on her face even though you knew she didn't feel well. She will be missed by all.

Barbara Mack - April 06, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Haire.



April 06, 2021 at 04:02 PM