



Obituaries



FRANCES FOOSE HARRIS

Frances Foose Harris died peacefully on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. She was 99 years old. She was born on February 4, 1918, in Tchula, Mississippi, to the late Ida "Pet" Cox and Samuel Jackson Foose. Frances graduated from Tchula High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Mississippi State

College for Women in Columbus, Mississippi. Not only did she teach school music in several Mississippi school districts, but she taught all of her granddaughters how to play the piano.

Frances was a member for many years of the First United Methodist Church in Tchula. Her grandfather, the late Daniel N. Foose, was one of the original founders of that

congregation. Frances was a faithful organist of the Tchula church for fifty-three years and played for many weddings, funerals and often directed the choir.

She was the wife of Ellis Isbel Harris for fifty-three years. They married on February 1, 1942. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and mother-in-law always remembering the

birthdays of each of her loved ones. The beautiful wardrobes of her granddaughters were made in part from her skilled sewing fingers. Known affectionately as "Mom" to her family, Frances delighted in entertaining and cooking special dishes for family gatherings. For more than fifty years she was an active member of the Tchula Garden Club. Into her later years Frances spent many happy hours playing bridge with friends and family members.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, her parents, and two brothers and sisters-in-law, S.J. (BoBo) Foose, Jr., (Katherine) of Tchula and Kenneth Foose (Katie and Mary) of Jackson. Frances is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Ellis Isbel Harris, Jr. (Janie) of Tchula, Oliver Nixon Harris (Scottye) of Cruger, Samuel Harding Harris (Terre) of Ridgeland and Kenneth Foose Harris (Pam) of Madison.

Frances had thirteen grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren as well as five nieces and seven nephews.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the loving care she received from Dr. Mike Morgan and doctors and staff at the Nichols Center and UMMC. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made to the Tchula Presbyterian Church in Tchula or to the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, Mississippi.

Visitation began at 12 noon Friday, June 16, 2017 at First United Methodist Church, Lexington, Mississippi - Fellowship Hall. Service followed at 2:00 p.m. in the church. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Lexington, Mississippi. Rev. Jack Wooten and Rev. Sonny Potts officiated.

Pallbearers were Ellis Harris III, Ryan Harris, Brooks Harris, Sam Harris, Jack Harris and Richard Barrett.

JESSICA M. SPENCER

Jessica M. Spencer, 86, died June 17, 2017 in Lexington. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017 at Southern Funeral Home. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Tolarville, MS. Pallbearers were Eric McBride, Laura Johnson, Hunter Threadgill, Dakota Hatch, Dennis Aust and Melvin Spell, Jr. Rev. Dwayne Dubard officiated.

Jessica was a homemaker and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. She is survived by her son Richard A. Spencer (Terri) of Lexington; daughters, Joan S. Cain (Arthur) of Lexington, Judy S. McBride (Gifford) of Belzoni, Joyce S. Killebrew (Travis) of Lexington, Jane S. Hatch (Rory) of Milwaukee, WI; brothers, Vivian Ferrell of Lexington and Louis Ferrell of Lexington; sisters, Dorothy Aust of Canton, GA and Nancy Spell of Lexington; ten grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband Harry Spencer; granddaughter Carrie Hobson; grandson Matthew Hobson; and brother Noel Alton "Toady" Ferrell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oak Grove Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Ruby Moore, 20659 Highway 17, Lexington, MS 39095.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT DURANT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Durant Public school District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 on July 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Durant Public School District's Commons Building, 65 West Madison Street, Durant, MS. At this meeting, a proposed Ad Valorem tax effort increase will be considered.

The Durant Public School District is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$4,544,717.99. 12.31% or \$559,452.00 of such revenue is obtained through Ad Valorem taxes.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$4,341,837.21. Of that amount 13.16% or \$571,503.00 is proposed to be financed through a total Ad Valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Durant Public School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad Valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property. Any citizen of Durant Public School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

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| | 67 Biblical address | DOWN | | 69 Tampico toiler |
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