

Billie Jean Ratliff

June 21, 1934 - Jan. 28, 2021

Funeral services for Billie Jean Ratliff, 86, of Tylertown, were Jan. 30, 2021, at Hartman-Hughes Funeral Home with Bro. Mike Anderson officiating.



(Photo submitted)

Mrs. Ratliff died in Monticello Jan. 28, 2021. She was born June 21, 1934, in Lawrence County to the late Ida and Andrew Nations. She is also preceded in death by her husband Wilson Ratliff, sister Mildred Roberts, half-sister Aileen Alford, and brother A.P. Nations.

Mrs. Billie attended New Bethel Jesus Name Church in her younger years and then attended Dinan Baptist Church later on. She enjoyed circle word puzzles, doing yardwork, but most of all she loved spending time with family.

Survivors include her son Darrel Ratliff; son of the heart William (Samantha) Dunaway; grandchildren Kayleanna (Caleb) Sanderson, Lydia Dunaway, and Gentsyn Dunaway, cousins Joan Thornhill, Ola Mae Johnson, Artalia Wallace, sister-in-laws Elizabeth Nations, Peggy Ratliff, and Bettie Ratliff, brother-in-law Ira Ratliff.

Pallbearers were Justin Stoll, Clark McKenzie, Josh McKenzie, Anthony Dunaway, Caleb Sanderson, and Anthony Pitts.

Honorary pallbearers were Bruce Stogner, Gerald Planche, and Jerry Boyd.

Hartman Hughes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Family and friends may sign an online guestbook at www.hartmanhughesfuneralhome.com

Nancy Richmond

Aug. 28, 1949 - Jan. 23, 2021

Nancy Mitchell Richmond, 71, of Tylertown, died Jan. 23, 2021. She is preceded in death by her parents, Sarah and William Mitchell II, and her sister May Ann Easterling.

Mrs. Richmond was a graduate of Varnado High School, and retired from Citizens Bank after working there for over 20 years. She enjoyed keeping up with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, watching movies and television shows, and tending to her roses. She wed Glen Richmond, on Aug. 14, 1981.

Survivors are her husband of 39 years, Glen Richmond; son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Nicole McGehee; daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Scott Hinson; grandchildren Brianna (John) Thomas, Chastyn (Ben) Wright, and Collin McGehee; great-grandchildren Bradley and Carsyn Thomas, and Skyla Wright; siblings William (Bess) Mitchell III, Margaret (Jimmie) Hill, Sarah Ruth (Keith) Richardson.

In lieu of flowers and cards, the family requests donations be made to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, at umc.edu/Office_of_Development/Give_Now.html. Choose a category "other" and specify your area of support to: Neurobiology and Anatomical Sciences Body Donation Program.

Edna Downs

March 7, 1935 - Jan. 19, 2021

Edna M. Simmons Downs, 85, of McComb, died Jan. 19, 2021, at Southwest Medical Center in McComb.



(Photo submitted)

Born March 7, 1935, in McComb, she was the daughter of the late Horace Simmons and Sarah James Simmons. She attended St. James Primary School, and later Rose Hill Secondary School. She relocated in Chicago in 1951 with her parents and married Eugene Downs in Chicago on Jan. 19, 1952. From this union one child was born.

In Chicago, Mrs. Downs worked in department stores, initially as a floor clerk and soon as a manager. She operated York's, one of Chicago's largest department stores. She and her husband later relocated back to Mississippi, where she took care of him during his lengthy illness over 17 years.

She continued to manage the Emphasis Department Store in McComb after her return in 1992.

She joined Pleasant Grove MB Church in her youth and attended Mt. Calvary MB Church in Chicago before returning to Mississippi where she reunited with her family church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and son Eddie.

Survivors are her three grandchildren: Trina Downs, Eddie Eugene Downs, Jr., and Ebony Downs-Bidding; five great grandchildren; one sister, Sarah McGowan.

A graveside service was Jan. 27, 2021, at Pink Hill MBC Cemetery with Rev. Hilton Harrell rendering the eulogy and officiating.

Washington Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Willie D. Ball

Dec. 28, 1947 - Jan. 23, 2021

Willie D. Ball, 73, of Humble, TX, native of Tylertown, died Jan. 23, 2021, at Memorial Hospital in Humble, TX. She was born Dec. 28, 1947, in Tylertown to the late Virgil Anthony and Mary Lee Youngblood.



(Photo submitted)

Funeral services for Mrs. Ball were Jan. 30, 2021, at Craft-Ginn Funeral Chapel with Rev. Raymond Gutter officiating, burial in Mt. Moriah Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Ball attended J.J. Gullledge Memorial High School. She was married to the late Willie Ball, Jr. to this union, three children were born. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by a baby daughter, Mary Nell; and a sister, Lillie B. Williams.

Survivors are her son, Willie Anthony (Joyce) of Spring, TX; daughter, Shawann Ball of Humble, TX; sister, Dorothy Tate (Charles) of Pascagoula; aunt, Lillie B. Jackson, of Picayune; grandchildren: Daphne and Isaiah Anthony; two brothers-in-law, James Ball (Willie), Oliver Ball (Frankie); five sisters-in-law, Emily Ball, Bobbie English, Elma Bingham, Edna Ball, Reba Ball.

Craft-Ginn Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Jerry Wayne Holmes

Feb. 25, 1949 - Jan. 18, 2021

Jerry Wayne Holmes, 71, of Magnolia, died Jan. 18, 2021, at Southwest Cardiovascular Unit in McComb.



(Photo submitted)

Holmes was born in Magnolia Feb. 25, 1949, and was the son of Charles Holmes and Willie Mae Morris Phelps. Through his life, he was a truck driver and then an auctioneer. He also loved music and played guitar.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Linda Kay Phelps and two brothers, Charles Ray Holmes and Charles Hanceford Holmes.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Virginia "Jenny" Holmes of Magnolia, MS; two daughters, Angela (Randy) Holmes of Tylertown, and Cathy Holmes (Mitchell) Pace of Foxworth; two sons, Jay (Janell) Cook of Cassville, PA and Joe (Mandy) Cook of Three Springs, PA; three brothers, Johnny Holmes, Jimmy Ray Phelps and Denise, and Hank Holmes and Tammy; four sisters, Zelita Lambert and Hugh, Patsy Phelps and Billy Ray, Betty Jo Fair and Adrian, and Stacey Thornton; 14 grandchildren, Nicholas, Ethan, Sara, Jamie, Jackson, Jenna, Tristan, Michael, Alex, Emma, Victoria, Ryan, Evan and Alee.

Pallbearers were Wendell "Little Man" Thornton II, Jacob Phelps, Robert Mann, Wayne Merrick, Robbie Mann and David Huff.

Honorary pallbearers were Randy Hannah, Brad Whichstine, Louis Ougel and Harold Alford.

A funeral service was Jan. 22, 2021, at Sharkey Funeral Home in Summit with Rev. Dennis Walker, Rev. Lonnie Case and Rev. Jeff Phelps officiating, burial in the Magnolia Cemetery.

Sharkey Funeral Home in Summit was in charge of the arrangements. Share condolences at sharkeyfuneralhome.com

Hidden Springs Resort and RV Park to host "America's TV Elvis"

Hidden Springs Resort and RV Park will present a special Valentine's Weekend event featuring Pete Willcox, also known as "America's TV Elvis", Saturday, Feb. 13 and Sunday, Feb. 14. Buy a Saturday show ticket and get Sunday show ticket half price.

Wilcox has been entertaining for 30 years in Vegas and has been on many television shows, such as Cheers, Happy Days and Full House to name just a few. Look him up on Facebook or go to: www.petewillcoxshow.com.

Tickets are on sale now by calling 601-876-4151. Advance tickets are \$10, pay \$15 at the gate. There is no charge if you are camping. Saturday's show begins at 6 p.m.; Sunday's show starts at 2 p.m. and will feature Elvis Gospel music.

"Bring a lawn chair and practice social distancing and don't forget your mask," Don Mathis, owner, remarked.

Dinan News

By Darrel Ratliff

"I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises to thee among the nations." Psalm 108:3

The Food Pantry is in need of cereal, rice, canned food items and peanut butter. Items may be placed in the cabinet at the entry to the fellowship hall or back of the sanctuary. Thanks for your continued support.

Suitcase Ministry sponsored by Women on Missions. Items needed: small size shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, chapstick, floss and deodorant.

Keep praying for all the COVID-19 victims and for the families of the ones who died from this dreaded disease.

The prayer list this week includes Peggy Anderson, Joanne Boyd, Lanier Boyd, Eddie Bradberry, Carroll Bryant, Eula Copeland, Glen Davis, Tim and Margaret Deer, Josh Dunaway, Ray and Nita Duncan, Janet Guy, Dalton Henning, Victor Herrera, Eloise Herring, Jason Holmes, Tina Lang, Kirby Lofton, Glenda Lucky, Josh Magee, Karlee Magee and girls, Joan McEwen, Bobby McGinnis, Nancy Mitchell Richmond family, David Moulds, Angelia & Ava Murphy, Gabe & Earline Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Penalber, Melissa Phillips, Kim Sanders, Donovan Sandifer, Joan Simmons, Paulette Simmons, Danny and Sheila Spence, Ralph Stogner, Melanie Stogner, Bill and Mary Ann Stutchman, Todd Sumrall, Chris and Rachel Thomas, Belinda Vince, Cannon Ward and all the tornado, hurricane, flood, earthquake, wildfire victims and those I may not know about.

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Thanks, voters of District 5

Now, with the election behind us and the holidays over, let me thank voters of the fifth district and the residents of Walthall County for the confidence you have placed in me.

I will continue the work of my two predecessors, Clennel Brown and Clifton "Pop" Carr, working with everyone to make Walthall County a better place to live, work and raise a family.

It is an honor to serve the residents, not only of fifth district, but all Walthall Countians.

Again, I sincerely thank you for all your support!

Lloyd Bullock
5th District Supervisor

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