



Cecelia "Clarice" Robbins

February 21, 1942 - January 24, 2026

Mrs. Cecelia "Clarice" Robbins passed away on January 24, 2026, at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 83. She was born on February 21, 1942, in Ripley, Mississippi, to Jesse Harris Jennings and Cecelia Earltan Jennings Smith, where she was also born and raised. Clarice was first united in marriage to her high school sweetheart, Jimmy Dale Williams, with whom she shared many devoted years of marriage until his passing in 2010. In later years, she was blessed to find love again and was united in marriage in 2023 to Dewey Robbins of Bartlett, Tennessee.

Clarice was a devoted mother, wife, and grandmother who cherished her family above all else. She was employed as a secretary at the University of Tennessee, where she served faithfully for many years. A woman of strong faith, Clarice loved Jesus and lived her life guided by kindness and grace. She found great joy in gardening, cooking, sewing, camping, fishing, playing games, and spending time with her loved ones. Gifted in music, she was fluent in piano and deeply loved playing and sharing music with others, leaving behind memories filled with warmth, laughter, and song.

Cecelia is preceded in death by her parents, Jesse Harris Jennings and Cecelia Earltan Smith.

Officiated by: Bro. Fred Shackelford

Cecelia is survived by her husband, Dewey Robbins of Bartlett, TN; her daughter Anna Denise Martz (Terry L.) of Murfreesboro, TN; her brother Rayburn Jennings (Carolyn) of Ripley, MS; her grandsons William Martz of Murfreesboro, TN, and Nathan Martz (Laura) of Lexington, TN; her great-grandchildren, Emma Jane Martz of Lexington, TN, and Ada Claire Martz of Lexington, TN.

Cemetery Details

Paynes Chapel Cemetery

CR 611
Ripley, MS 38663

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ellendale Baptist Church
3861 Broadway Rd
Bartlett , TN 38135

Service

FEB 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

OJ

“ Anna I have known your mother since I was 5 years old and she was 6. We gave each other many hours of playtime and lots of hours of laughter when I had trouble making friends and she was happy to help me feel liked and loved. Her mother seemed to trust me and was willing to let Clarice go anywhere with me. She knew we would be good together. We have been together off and on since graduation in every state we have kept up with each other. We have visited in each others homes. We have fished together and we both love Branson and went there together when ever we were close enough to Missouri. We always got along so well together. I will miss her always.

Olivia Jensen - February 11 at 12:33 AM

AC

“ Amy Cooper purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cecelia "Clarice" Robbins.



Amy Cooper - February 04 at 10:30 AM

MC

“ Anna, mom and I send our condolences. We loved your mom. I have many memories of seeing her at my grandparents home. Sending love to you all.

Marianne Caradine - February 02 at 07:14 PM