



## Dorothy E. Pressley Stark

October 21, 1928 - August 8, 2025

Dorothy E. Pressley Stark passed away August 8, 2025 at the age of 96 at Tippah County Hospital. She was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 21, 1928 to Ross Stark and Nora Boyette Stark. She worked for Tippah County Hospital for 15 years as an Anesthetist, Surgery Supervisor, Delivery Supervisor and ER Supervisor. She also worked for Union County Baptist Hospital as Director of Nursing for 7 years where she wrote the Nursing Procedures Handbook before it opened. She worked at Blue Mountain College as a Campus Registered Nurse for 22 years before retiring. She was a prior member of Mississippi Nursing Association, Red Cross Volunteer Nursing Association, Tennessee Nursing Association, National Nursing Association.

Dorothy was a member of First Baptist Church and began teaching Sunday School Class for 5 Year Old Boys Class, 40 Year Old Women's Class, and the 11th and 12th Grade Girls Class. She was a member of the First Baptist Church Choir until the age of 82. She taught Sunday School for 25 years at Rest Haven Nursing Home until her health no longer permitted.

Dorothy is survived by by one son: William Warren Pressley, Jr. of Oxford, MS; one step-son: Ronnie Stark (Rena) of Nesbit, MS; one niece: Dianne Stark of Georgia; one nephew: Rick Stark (Pam) of Georgia.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband: William Warren Pressley, Sr.; her daughter: Judy Edith Pressley; her brother: Jimmy Stark; her sister-in-law: Eloise Stark; her second husband: Vance Stark.

Officiating: Dr. Jack B. Bennett

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to: Blue Mountain Christian University School of Nursing, P.O. Box 160, Blue Mountain, MS 38610.

# Cemetery Details

## Nance Cemetery

2344 CR 502  
Ripley, MS 38663

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
202 E. Pine St.  
Ripley, MS 38663

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

TG

“ Terrye Grisham lit a candle in memory of Dorothy E. Pressley Stark



Terrye Grisham - August 11, 2025 at 02:50 PM

CT

“ Was very blessed to get to know Mrs. Dot and care for her! I will miss you sweet lady!



Christina thomas - August 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM

RS

“ Raymond & Sandra Smith lit a candle in memory of Dorothy E. Pressley Stark



Raymond & Sandra Smith - August 09, 2025 at 09:23 PM

RA

So sad to hear of Ms Dorothy(Dot) passing. She was a sweet and happy lady! Our prayers are with the family, for comfort and peace! God bless each of her family members and and friends made all along the way!! God bless you all!

Raymond - August 09, 2025 at 09:32 PM

RA

*Raymond and Sandra Smith*

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**Raymond** - August 09, 2025 at 09:33 PM

JB

*Dot represented sunshine to me! Her sparkling eyes and beautiful smile lit up a room when she was there. She was married in my parent's home (Sid and Kate Hall) to her first husband and one great love. That home later became the home of Ella and Buck Tatum.*

*My mother would often talk about how Dot rocked and cared for me as a child. Even after my family moved to Texas, we always visited Dot when we came to Mississippi. She would take Danny Tatum (my cousin) and I to Picwick to water ski. Oh, so what fun we had! Over the years, Dot became a mentor to me like my mother Kate once was to her. Dot and I talked and she always encouraged me. I'll miss her sweet spirit and her great advice! It's such a comfort to know where she is now.*

*Jimmie Byler*

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**JIMMIE BYLER** - August 10, 2025 at 12:05 PM

VM

“ *Van Malone lit a candle in memory of Dorothy E. Pressley Stark*



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**Van Malone** - August 09, 2025 at 03:36 PM