



Mary Marnell Garrison Childers

July 4, 1921 - August 14, 2023

Mary Marnell Garrison Childers left this earth peacefully to be with her Savior on August 14, 2023. She was born on July 4, 1921, (she always said growing up she thought all the fireworks were for her) in New Edinburg, Arkansas to Henry and Arlie Garrison. She graduated from New Edinburg High School and then went on to University of Arkansas in Monticello with a degree in education. After graduating from U of A at Monticello, she came to Tippah County, Mississippi to begin her teaching career. Her uncle who was on the school board in Tippah County wrote her parents to tell them of the teaching shortage in the area and that Mary Marnell would be a great asset with her education degree. Mrs. Childers got on the train by herself to travel to Ripley, MS and was a 5th grade teacher in the Ripley, Mississippi school district, and taught there for 35 years. She truly loved teaching and her students, many of whom she remained close to her whole life. She was also the Director of the Junior Department at First Baptist Church in Ripley, MS. for many years. She was very active in her church and community until she moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas to be near her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Bertie Childers and her son-in-law, Preston Thomas Cheatham.

She is survived by her daughter, Glenda Childers Cheatham, her granddaughter Cheryl Lynne Cheatham, her grandson, William Howard

Cheatham (Marcie), her great grandsons, Brooks Preston Cheatham and Jack Childers Cheatham of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to: First Baptist Church of Ripley, Mississippi Day Care Fund and Highland Drive Baptist Church, 515 E. Highland Dr., Jonesboro, AR 42401.

Dr. Jack Bennett will be officiating.

Cemetery Details

Ripley Cemetery

716 A City Ave. North
Ripley, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Marnell Garrison Childers*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Marilyn lit a candle in memory of Mary Marnell Garrison Childers*



Marilyn - August 29, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Glenda, I just saw that Mrs Marnell had passed!! I'm SO sorry for such a Special Loss!! She was such a sweet thoughtful lady who ALWAYS had time for the 'Pine Street group'!! She and I shared July Birthdays. Thoughts and special prayers for you and the family! Kay M. Dedeaux*

Kay M Dedeaux - August 16, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ *Stephanie McClintock lit a candle in memory of Mary Marnell Garrison Childers*



Stephanie McClintock - August 15, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Lois Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Marnell Garrison Childers*



Lois Watson - August 15, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *West Ripley Baptist Church sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Marnell Garrison Childers*



West Ripley Baptist Church - August 15, 2023 at 06:44 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Marnell Garrison Childers.*



August 14, 2023 at 06:16 PM