



## Mary Grace Herrington McMillin

February 17, 1931 - November 15, 2025

Mary Grace Herrington McMillin peacefully entered heaven on November 15, 2025, at St. Catherine's Village in Madison, Mississippi. Grace was born February 17, 1931, in Heidelberg, Mississippi, to Tom Brame Herrington and Alzah Elizabeth Grace Herrington. Grace soon moved with her family to Monroe County, Mississippi, where she graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1949. She spent the next four years at Mississippi State College for Women, earning a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in 1953. Grace continued her education, earning a Master of Arts in Home Economics from the University of Mississippi in 1972.

Upon graduation from MSCW, she accepted a position with the Mississippi Extension Service in Fulton, Mississippi, and then moved to Ripley, Mississippi, becoming the Home Demonstration Agent for Tippah County. It was there she met and married Troy Neal McMillin. After their two children enrolled in school, she began a twenty-six-year career in the high school classroom. She spent many happy years instructing her beloved students in the art and science of home economics at Pine Grove High School, Falkner High School, and finally at Ripley High School, where she retired in 1992.

Her constant and abiding faith in Jesus led her to serve as a Bible teacher at First Baptist Church of Ripley as well as being an active member of the

Women's Missionary Union. Through the years, she spent countless hours supporting missions through the many opportunities WMU provided. A lifelong student of the Bible, she encouraged many others through her teaching by challenging them to answer God's call on their life, whatever that may have been. She also enjoyed reading, sewing for her family and others, traveling, listening to Ole Miss sports by radio, and serving as librarian at St. Catherines Village.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Grace loved her family and is survived by her two children, Mary Elizabeth McMillin Sharman and husband, Dr. William Robert Sharman III of Oxford, Mississippi, and Thomas Neal McMillin, Sr., and his wife, Ruth Hurt McMillin, of Madison, Mississippi; six grandchildren, Dr. William Bradford Sharman and wife, Dr. Rosalia Romero, of Claremont, California; Robert Thomas Sharman of Oxford, Mississippi; Mary Katherine Sharman Garcia and husband, Robert Garcia III, of Marietta, Georgia; Thomas Neal McMillin, Jr., and wife, Keely Childress McMillin of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Ruth Allison McMillin Griffin and husband, Dr. Kerry Scott Griffin of Carrollton, Georgia; and Preston Hurt McMillin of Nashville, Tennessee; and five great-grandchildren, Charlene Grace McMillin, Isla Rose McMillin, Cecilia Rose Sharman, Adeline Elizabeth Garcia, and Daphne Ruth Griffin. She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Herrington Barber; sister-in-law, Lonnie McMillin Hurley, nephews, Jimmy McMillin and Mark Barber, and nieces, Gale McMillin Humphries, Linda Barber Baldock, and Linda McMillin Cameron. She also leaves behind her special friend and neighbor, Joann Munn, along with her special nieces, Staci Munn Lewis and Shelley Munn Akins.

Pallbearers: Bill Sharman (Dr. William Bradford Sharman), Tom Sharman (Robert Thomas Sharman), Neal McMillin (Thomas Neal McMillin, Jr.), Preston McMillin (Preston Hurt McMillin), Scott Griffin (Dr. Kerry Scott Griffin),

Rob Garcia (unable to attend) (Robert Garcia, III), Sean Akins, James Lewis

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, or My Choices Pregnancy Help Clinic in Ripley, Mississippi.

# Cemetery Details

## Tippah Memorial Gardens

Hwy 370  
Ripley, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

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*Graveside to follow.*

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Mary Grace was our oldest Cousin in the Grace family. Unfortunately I haven't been able to spend very much time with her and her family over the years. I Remember her smile and her beautiful southern accent when we would see her on our family vacations to Mississippi. What a wonderful life she has lived! My thoughts and prayers go to you, Marybeth and Tommy, I'm sure you will miss her very much as well as the whole family will. I'm sure she was a great blessing to many! Shirley Goodwine Sullivant.*

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**shirley sullivant** - November 23, 2025 at 06:11 PM

SC

“ *Mary Beth and Tommy, so sorry that I am unable to be with you today but youall are in my prayers. Our families go back a long way with work, school and many more memories . My love and prayers to all of you. Shirley Conely*

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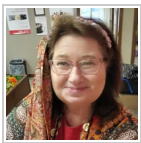
**Shirley Conely.** - November 22, 2025 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ Mrs. Mc taught me many skills that I have used throughout my lifetime. I would like to share a few of my favorite ones with her family and friends. First, purple is not my color, really not my color, Mrs. Mc had me use the same pattern to make a different color dress in less than a week, to wear for a presentation! I still think of her every time I see a red head wearing purple. She told me this strictly out of love. Secondly, you need well placed receptacles in every room. When we were renovating our forever older home, placement of the receptacles was nothing I needed help deciding, Mrs. Mc had taught me that years ago. The carpenters were shocked that I had learned that in a Home Economics class! I could go on and on, but I'll stop with this last one. Mrs. Edwards had tried to teach me to knit, but I just couldn't catch on to the knitting stitches. Mrs. Mc stepped right up, taught me to read a crochet pattern and to crochet. Under Mrs. Mc supervision, I crocheted my mother a white "Sunday" cape. It is hanging protected in my closet! During my four years of taking Home Economics, Mrs. Mc was like a second mother to me. I've always admired and appreciated her.  
Louise Thornton Brien, FHS '74  
I have a few of her Bible Book Study Commentaries from 1986-1994. I cherish the ones that have her neat signature on the outside cover.

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**Louise Thornton Brien** - November 22, 2025 at 02:23 AM



“ She was such a sweet lady. Sending prayers for her family. I'm so sorry.



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**Stephanie McClintock** - November 21, 2025 at 04:34 PM

CW

“ *Deepest Sympathies to all who loved her.  
FBCJ member, Cindy Williams*

cindy williams - November 21, 2025 at 10:48 AM

DM

“ *Dev & Brinda ManiSundaram purchased the Full  
Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Grace  
Herrington McMillin.*



Dev & Brinda ManiSundaram - November 20, 2025 at 11:28  
PM

LA

“ *Love, Greg and Allison purchased the Fairest of  
All for the family of Mary Grace Herrington  
McMillin.*



Love, Greg and Allison - November 20, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Mary Grace Herrington McMillin.*



November 20, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Grace Herrington McMillin.*



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November 19, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ *Trustmark Bank planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Grace Herrington McMillin.*

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**Trustmark Bank** - November 19, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ *I met miss Grace while she was making Shelley's wedding dress. She was a delight and So talented. We had some really good conversations. She will be missed.*

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**Kay Akins** - November 17, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ *Mrs. Mc as we called her in school was one of my favorite teachers... she would help a student any way she could. She had a free period, for herself, but she used it to teach some of us to read crochet directions. So thanks to Mrs. Mc, I can crochet just about anything! Loved her dearly.  
Brenda Bennett Grant*

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**Brenda Grant** - November 17, 2025 at 01:25 PM

BC

“Mrs. Mac” was a beautiful lady and she tried her best to teach us how to be ladies. She was my Home Ec teacher at Falkner. I loved her. She was kind but firm. I treasure the memories of time spent with her at FHS. Praying for her family during this time. God bless, Betty Bennett Cook, class of 1974

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**Betty Bennett Cook** - November 17, 2025 at 10:35 AM

KE

“To the family: Ms Grace was always at the church with a smile on her sweet face. She was an inspiration to young girls. Blessed to have known her.

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**Kay Eaton** - November 16, 2025 at 06:02 AM