



## Willie Mae Bruce Needham

September 9, 1925 - March 11, 2020

Ashland, MS - Willie Mae Bruce Needham, 94, passed away Wednesday March 11, 2020, at The Magnolia Place in New Albany, MS. She was born on September 9, 1925, to John Douglas and Jewell Pearlene Fiveash Bruce in Criss, TX. Willie Mae was a retired Secretary for Ashland Elementary School and a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Services will be at 3:00 PM, Saturday 14, 2020 at McBride Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Don Harding officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery Benton CO.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 1:00 PM until service time at 3:00 PM at McBride Funeral Home.

Willie Mae is survived by two daughters: Donna Yancey (Lanny) of Town Creek, AL, Jean Harding (Don) of Caledonia, MS; one son: Tim Needham (Pam) of Ripley, MS; one sister: Kathryn Smith of Snow Lake Shores, MS; one brother: W. C. Bruce (Fay) of Ashland, MS; six grandchildren: Chris Harding (Bridgett), David Harding (Sandy), Allison Yancey, Ben Yancey (Kerrie), Brad Needham (Kayla), Sarah Knight (Dillion), and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years Waymon Needham; her parents; one sister: Doris Smith (Charles); two brothers: John Bruce (Brooksye), Roy Bruce (Ione); one brother-in-law: Boots Smith.

Pallbearers will be Chris Harding, David Harding, Ben Yancey, Dillion Knight, Brad Needham, Gary Bruce.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Benton CO. Building Fund, 3933 Pleasant Hill Road, Ashland, MS, 38603.  
Expressions of sympathy for the Needham family may be sent to [www.mcbrid  
efuneralhome.com](http://www.mcbrid<br/>efuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
(662) 837-8101  
mcbriдерипley@gmail.com  
<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAR 14. 3:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
(662) 837-8101  
mcbriдерипley@gmail.com  
<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

## Cemetery Details

MAR 14 (CT)

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery  
3933 Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Ashland, MS 38603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Mae Bruce Needham*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Linda J Graves sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Mae Bruce Needham*



**Linda J Graves** - March 14, 2020 at 09:40 PM



*Thank you for remembering Mother in this thoughtful way. We appreciate it so much !*

**Donna Yancey** - March 24, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Mae Bruce Needham.*



March 13, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Willie Mae Bruce Needham.*



March 13, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Mae Bruce Needham.*



March 13, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*



**Pam Hill** - March 12, 2020 at 09:49 PM



*Thank you so much! This is so thoughtful and sweet of you to remember Mother in this way.*

**Donna Yancey** - March 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM

BJ

“ *Bonnie Wilkerson Jackson lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Bruce Needham*



**Bonnie Wilkerson Jackson** - March 12, 2020 at 09:22 PM

DY

*That is so very seeet and thoughtful of you. Thank you.*

**Donna Yancey** - March 14, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *Nell and I served as pastor and wife of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church many years ago. Mrs. Willie Mae and her husband, Waymon, were some of the pillars of that sweet fellowship. They took Nell and me into their hearts and home. We were only there for a few years but the bonds we formed have lasted across the decades. Simple, dedicated, generous, Christian folks. That's who they were. The world needs more like them! We send our love to the three kids and their families. We know you loved and were proud of your mom/grandmother. You have every right to be.*

*In Christ's love,  
Jeff Ginn*

**Jeff Ginn** - March 12, 2020 at 08:32 PM

DY

*Thank you Bro Jeff and Nell. We love you too.*

**Donna Yancey** - March 14, 2020 at 11:19 AM

DF

“ *Danny and Karen Wynn and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Willie Mae Bruce Needham.*



---

**Danny and Karen Wynn and Family** - March 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM

DW

“ *David, Joyce & Teressa Williams lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Bruce Needham*



---

**David, Joyce & Teressa Williams** - March 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM

DY

*Thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness of us at this time.*

---

**Donna Yancey** - March 14, 2020 at 11:32 AM

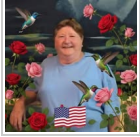


“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Mae Bruce Needham.*



---

March 12, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Bruce Needham*



---

**Lois Watson** - March 12, 2020 at 08:39 AM

DY

*Thank you for your kindness and thinking of us during this time.*

---

**Donna Yancey** - March 14, 2020 at 11:35 AM

AS

“ *Aunt Helen and Susan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willie Mae Bruce Needham.*



---

**Aunt Helen and Susan** - March 12, 2020 at 06:31 AM