



Mrs. Betty Ajax Akers

June 5, 1930 - January 3, 2017

Betty Ajax Akers, 86, passed away on January 3, 2017 at her home, in Starkville. She was born June 5, 1930 in Ripley, MS, the daughter of the late Fred and Miriam Merritt. Betty was a member of First United Methodist Church in Starkville. She attended Mississippi University for Women, and did graduate work at Mississippi State University. She owned Ajax Vending Company in Corinth with her husband Al for 15 years. Betty worked for the Birmingham, Alabama and Corinth, Mississippi Public Library Systems. She also worked for the Corinth and Starkville Public School Systems. One of her greatest joys in teaching was helping others as a G.E.D. instructor.

In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her first husband; Albert "Al" Thomas Ajax, Jr.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church in Starkville with Dr. Prentiss Gordon, Sr. officiating and assisted by Dr. Giles Lindley. Burial will follow in Memorial Garden Park Cemetery in Starkville. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband of 19 years Dr. Jim Akers of Starkville; her 2 daughters, Dr. Amy Ajax Crigler (Sid) of Starkville and Alicia Ajax Rast (Richard) of Columbus; 3 Step-Sons, Phil and Steven Akers both of Starkville, and David Akers of Seminole, FL; 8 Grandchildren: Carley Crigler, Coleman

Crigler, Chandler Arick, Patricia Reeves, Richie Rast, Meghan Wells, Connor Akers, and Kenton Akers; 6 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Ruth Stewart (Joe W. Sr.) of Starkville.

Pallbearers will be Chandler Arick, Coleman Crigler, Joe W. Stewart, Jr., Fred Stewart, Van Miles, and Andrew Dunaway.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Dr. Mike Mabry, The Staff of Gentiva Hospice, Betty McDowell, Carol Jones, Annie Madison, Aretha Jordan, Dot Brown, Ethel McGee, Daryl Evans, Mary Norwood, and Janet Abare.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Starkville, P.O. Box 2585, Starkville, MS 39760 or to the ALS Association, 1350 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, MS 39216.

Visitation will be Thursday 12:00-2:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church in Starkville

Friends may leave an online condolence at www.calvertfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
300 W Lampkin St,
Starkville, MS 39759
(662) 323-1363

Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Amy and Alicia, I'm so very saddened by Betty's passing. I always loved and admired my beautiful First Cousin, Susan Merritt (Hugh's daughter)

susan merritt - January 06, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ Amy, thinking about you and your family.
June Rice

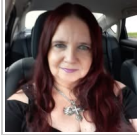
June Rice - January 05, 2017 at 09:32 PM



“ Mary Ann Janes and The Ferguson's purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Mrs. Betty Ajax Akers.



Mary Ann Janes and The Ferguson's - January 05, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ Alicia,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother. There are no words that can be said at a time like this to take away the pain of your loss, May God comfort you and your family with peace that only he can provide. Please know that I am praying for you and am here to support you in any way that I can. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. I know how close you felt to your Mom,

Betty

Betty Delk - January 05, 2017 at 11:22 AM

DC

“ *So sorry for the loss of Ms Betty Ajax...I worked with her many years ago. I truly enjoyed knowing her! Donna Coughlin*

Donna Coughlin - January 05, 2017 at 05:41 AM

DC

“ *Alicia, we are so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. May God bless your family with a peace that only comes from Him. We love you and are praying for you. Deborah Clay and Michelle Blunt*

Deborah Clay - January 04, 2017 at 09:36 PM

AR

Thank ya'll so much. It has been a hard couple of days. Your family has always has always been. Special to me. Love ya'll.

Alicia Rast - January 05, 2017 at 06:43 AM

DF

“ *To Mrs. Betty Ajax Akers Family, Our prayers go out to Mrs. Betty's family, we are the children of Mabel Finger, of Corinth, Ms*

Daniel Finger - January 04, 2017 at 09:13 PM

AR

Daniel I am in tears that you have sent Amy and I a message. We would not be the girls we are today if not for your mother. We have such fond memories. We are grateful for all your mother did for mother after Daddy died. Do you live in Corinth? Thanks again for your message. Alicia Rast.

Alicia Rast - January 05, 2017 at 07:05 AM

SS

“ Amy, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I know she was very dear to you. I will be praying for you and your family.

Sallye Scott - January 04, 2017 at 08:47 PM

TW

“ Todd, Michelle, Will and Campbell Whisenant purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Betty Ajax Akers.



Todd, Michelle, Will and Campbell Whisenant - January 04, 2017 at 06:21 PM

AS

“ Jim, we are so sorry to hear of Betty's death. It is very sad to have to bury one wife, but to have to bury the second one is extremely difficult. Please know that we are praying for your peace and comfort. Anne and Wayne Smith

Anne Smith - January 04, 2017 at 05:44 PM

ST

“ Amy I am so sorry about your mom. I will keep you all in my thoughts and pray for peace to surround you . Stephanie Tomlinson

stephanie tomlinson - January 04, 2017 at 06:46 AM

SC

“ Sam, Gail, Chuck and Lisa Crigler purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Betty Ajax Akers.



Sam, Gail, Chuck and Lisa Crigler - January 03, 2017 at 11:17 PM