



Jean King Simpson Sarsgard

September 23, 1926 - July 1, 2025

Jean King Simpson Sarsgard passed away peacefully on July 1, 2025, at the age of 98.

She was a resident of Trinity Healthcare Center in Columbus.

Mrs. Sarsgard was born in Yalobusha County, on September 23, 1926. In 1946, she met and married Courtney Simpson, also of Yalobusha County. They eventually settled in West Point in 1957 and quickly became lifelong members of First United Methodist Church. Mr. Simpson passed away in 1967 leaving his beloved wife a widow at age 40.

At this juncture in her life , Jean went to work at the Sears store in West Point and eventually began working at Ivy Memorial Hospital there. She became skilled in operating the switchboard, handling medical insurance, and utilized her coding skills in the Medical Records Department.

In 1977, Jean married Dale Sarsgard of West Point, a neighbor and also a member of First United Methodist Church, after a lengthy courtship. Their marriage was an exemplary example of love and devotion for 27 years until his death in 2003.

Mrs. Sarsgard is preceded in death by her husbands, Courtney Simpson and Dale Sarsgard as well as her parents, Benjamin Franklin King and Lois Easley

King. Other deceased immediate family consists of her brothers, Carmon King and Doris King, and her sisters, Gladys King Thweat and Ruby King Taylor.

She is survived by one sister, Jerry King Jenkins of Water Valley, her daughter, Cathy Simpson Pilkinton (Charlie), two sons, John Sarsgard (Judy) of Connecticut and Jim Sarsgard (Christianne) of Derby, England, United Kingdom. Grandchildren include Courtney Pilkinton Stafford (Dale) Columbus, Peter Sarsgaard (Maggie Gyllenhaal) of Vermont, Jamie Sarsgard (Ashlie) of Portland, Oregon, Ben Sarsgard (Karem) of Madrid, Spain. Her great grandchildren include Noah Stafford, Ramona Sarsgaard, Gloria Sarsgaard and Opal Sarsgard.

Visitation will be held in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in West Point on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, from 10:00-11:00 A.M. with a brief service before departure at 11:30. Reverend Chad Bowen will officiate. Graveside services will be held in Water Valley, at the Oak Hill Cemetery at 2:00 P.M. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Pilkinton, Dale Stafford, Kenny Taylor, Tim Taylor, Gordon Simpson, and Louie Riddick. Noah Stafford will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

The family would like to thank all of the employees and staff at Waverly Care Home in West Point and at Trinity Healthcare in Columbus. Their devotion to their residents was evident daily by their professionalism, skill, patience, and humor.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
612 E Broad St
West Point, MS 39773
(662) 494-1658

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
West Point, MS

Graveside Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM.

Water Valley Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean King Simpson Sarsgard.*



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