

Ms. Clara June Crosby

March 26, 1942 - July 17, 2024

Clara June Crosby was born March 26, 1942 in what is now Flowood, MS. Her parents, John Enoch and Clara Mae Crosby, welcomed her as the tenth of eleven siblings. Clara spoke fondly and frequently of experiences with her parents and siblings, from her childhood years up to the memories she was still making even as her health declined.

Clara was a devoted Christian, an ardent follower and student of the faith, constantly studying her Bible and engaging in faith conversations with others. She became a joint heir with Christ when she was very young and belonged to Sweet Water Missionary Baptist Church for the entirety of her life. Clara used her vast biblical knowledge to nurture the minds of young Christians through her instruction as a Sunday school, Bible class, and new membership course instructor. Over the years, she also served as choir president, assistant Sunday school superintendent, and a delegate of the National Baptist Convention.

Clara graduated from Carter High School then matriculated through Jackson State University for bachelor's, master's, and specialist degrees in early childhood and special education. She retired from the State of Mississippi after a long career in educational development, then continued her love for education by spending 18 years as a substitute teacher in the Pearl School District, where she was affectionately known as "Mama Crosby".

Clara's spirit of compassion and service was evidenced by the life she lived, particularly through her long-time memberships in the Order of the Eastern Star, Heroines of Jericho, Lady Knights, and Noble Court #3 in Jackson, MS.

Clara's hobbies included sewing, jewelry-making, and traveling. She greatly enjoyed visiting with and talking on the phone with family and friends. Her favorite pastime might have been shopping, because everyone knows Clara loved getting dressed up in a sharp, coordinated outfit, with the shoes, an elaborate hat to match, and her "pocketbook" (what she would refer to as "my trunk and my tray"). Her sense of humor and immaculate one-liners will be missed the most. She was the funniest, kindest, and most giving person that many would ever have the pleasure of knowing.

Her parents, John and Clara Crosby; brothers, John Crosby, Jr. and James Crosby, Sr.; and sisters, Laura Mae Crosby, Beulah Mae Crosby, Willie Mae Dobson, Claudia Ruth Smith, Bobbie Jean Love, and Gloria Jean Crosby preceded her reception into the loving arms of her God.

Those who remain to honor her tremendous legacy are her five children: Dawn Crosby, Debbie (Tommie) Washington, Deron Harmon, Delisa Crosby, and Shundra Wilson; four grandchildren: Ryan (Ebony) Crosby, Erica Crosby, Jordan Crosby, and Brookelyn Johnson; four great-grandchildren: Jaylen Williams, Te'Kyiera Crosby, Ty'Von Steele, and O'Rian Crosby; two sisters: Patricia Ann Rancifer and Yvonne Caston; and one sister-in-law: Willie Kincaid Crosby. She also leaves one very special friend or, as Ms. Clara would say, "my good friend Johnnie Thompson." The impact of this loss will also be felt by a community of church members, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Paradise Gardens Memorial Cemetery

745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Homegoing Service

JUL 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

Sweet Water MB Church
404 Fannin Road
Flowood, MS 39232

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Delois lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby*



Delois - July 23, 2024 at 11:24 AM

PH

“ *Ms. Crosby was a very sweet and reliable sub for the teachers at Pearl Junior High. I considered her a dear friend. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her. Thoughts and prayers for her family in the days ahead as you deal with this great loss.*

Patrice Herrington - July 22, 2024 at 04:04 PM

LL

“ *Lori Rhodes Lewis lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby*



Lori Rhodes Lewis - July 22, 2024 at 01:31 PM

NI

“ *Ms. Clara and I met in 1997 at Hudspeth and became good friends. Whenever I saw her we would always laugh and talk about old coworkers and family. She will surely be missed. Job well done Ms Clara
Love Nitchka*

Nitchka - July 22, 2024 at 11:14 AM

CG

“ You were so kind and loving to me. Always gave encouragement and told be to good. I will miss your smile. Continued prayers for your family

Chanta Gray - July 22, 2024 at 08:57 AM

JW

“ Rest in peace Aunt June. Sending love from the Sayles-Williams family.

Jennifer Williams - July 22, 2024 at 04:25 AM

EJ

“ Elmina Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Clara June Crosby.

Elmina Johnson - July 21, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ms. Clara June Crosby.



July 21, 2024 at 07:00 PM

RO

“ My condolences to Crosby family and friends. May God give you strength, comfort and peace during this difficult time. 🙏
Robbie Singleton



Robbie - July 21, 2024 at 05:27 PM

AH

“ My Loving Niece and Nephew praying for you and your family in the loss of your Loving Mother!! Almeda Harmon



Almeda Harmon - July 21, 2024 at 03:47 PM

SM

“ It was always a privilege to have Ms. Crosby as a sub in my classroom. She was so sweet to me and my children, both my students and my own family. She will be missed.

Shannon McDowell - July 21, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LL

“ Mrs. Crosby was one of the best subs to come through Pearl Public schools. We will cherish her memory, and we thank her for EVERYTHING she has done for us. We love you Mrs. Crosby. I pray that God comforts your family during this time and forever. We love you!

LaDeshia Lonie - July 21, 2024 at 02:03 PM

AH

“ My Loving Niece and Nephew praying for you and your family in the loss of your Loving Mother!! Almeda Harmon



Almeda Harmon - July 21, 2024 at 11:40 AM

AP

“ *Abigail Phillips lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby*



Abigail Phillips - July 21, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CL

“ *Candace Lott lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby*



Candace Lott - July 21, 2024 at 11:06 AM

BR

“ *Momma Crosby as us kinds at Pearl would call her. She was such an amazing women. When she entered the room instead of our teacher we knew we were going to learn something other than what our teacher was teaching. I am so blessed to have known her. Now go rest high on that mountain momma Crosby. For I know you are up there with God. Prayer for the whole Crosby family and to her friends.*



Breanna - July 21, 2024 at 09:53 AM

RM

“ Sorry for your loss Reverend Rufus and Vanessa Mayes



Rufus and Vanessa Mayes - July 20, 2024 at 09:35 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby



Eddie Ainsworth - July 20, 2024 at 06:04 PM

MH

“ Michael, Debbie, & Kevin Hodge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Clara June Crosby.

Michael, Debbie, & Kevin Hodge - July 20, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Clara June Crosby.



July 20, 2024 at 05:57 PM

TJ

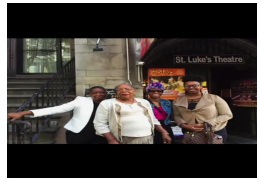
“ Terneki Jackson lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby



Terneki Jackson - July 20, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - July 20, 2024 at 02:38 PM

TC

Beautiful. To God be the glory. Praying for comfort and strength. We love you all, The Coxs-Joe, Tiffany, Madison, and Chase

Tiffany Cox - July 21, 2024 at 08:22 AM

JG

to the Crosby family sending my condolences. May God continue to comfort you doing your time of bereavement. May God bless you all during this time from Josephine Gilbert and family.

Josephine Gilbert - July 22, 2024 at 09:21 AM

AM

“ Ann Moore lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby



Ann Moore - July 20, 2024 at 09:53 AM

TJ

“ Praying with and for the The Crosby family during you'll time of bereavement RIP Ms. Clara Crosby 🙏❤️
Teresa L. Sheriff-Johnson(formal HRC co-worker)



Teresa Johnson - July 19, 2024 at 07:30 PM

SO

“ Condolences from The Harmon Family.



Sophia - July 19, 2024 at 03:27 PM

RJ

“ Robbin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby



Robbin Johnson - July 19, 2024 at 11:14 AM

VL

Our deepest condolences and sympathies to the Crosby family, from Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi District IV Project committee 🙏

Velma Lewis - July 21, 2024 at 04:47 PM

AH

“ *Adrian Hicks lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby*



Adrian Hicks - July 19, 2024 at 11:05 AM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Clara Crosby*



Evelyn Young - July 19, 2024 at 10:32 AM