



Mrs. Jessie Bell Hawkins

June 24, 1948 - February 28, 2024

On Wednesday, February 28th, Jessie Bell (Kersh) Hawkins, loving mother, sister, auntie, cousin and friend, passed away at the age of 75.

Jessie was born on June 24th, 1948, in Brandon, Mississippi, to the late Lucendia and Willie Daniel Kersh. She graduated from Carter High School and upon completion, she joined the army. After her Army career ended, Jessie worked various jobs in the Brandon area, including serving as a nurse's aide at Whitfield and working as a long time cook at the local Chevron convenience store in Brandon.

In her youth, Jessie enjoyed fishing, playing cards and playing softball. She loved being with her family. Many weekends were spent frying fish at her home where she was surrounded by family and friends. She could often be found just sitting outside in the rocking chair on her porch, enjoying nature and the simple pleasures of life.

There are two words that can be used to describe Jessie. The first one is generous. She would give you everything that she had, even if she needed it for herself. She was selfless, always putting others first, giving to them out of the goodness of her heart and never expecting anything in return. And the second one would be straightforward. She said what she meant and she meant what she said. You never had to wonder what she was thinking as she

would gladly tell you what was on her mind, whether you asked or not.

Jessie loved the Lord and her church family at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. She served on several ministries over the years. She was a Sunday School teacher, assisted in the nursery and sang in the choir. One of her proudest honors was serving on the Mother's Board at the church. She was faithful in her service to the Lord, and others, until the end.

Jessie was preceded in death by her husband, J. R. Hawkins; five brothers, J. W. Kersh, R. C. Kersh, Lennis Kersh, Willie James Kersh, and Samuel Kersh; three sisters, Anna Pearl Ward, Lucy Gray and Ethel Rene Kersh; and one sister-in-law, Luberta Kersh.

She leaves to cherish her memory - three sisters: Jewell Montgomery of Chicago, Illinois, Lue Dell (Edward) Ward of Chicago, Illinois, and Linda Kersh of Brandon, Mississippi; ; a sister-in-law, Dessie Kersh and one brother-in-law, Tyler Dequince (Fat) Ward; two sons, Ralphel Kersh of Clinton, Mississippi and Matthew Kersh (Lisa) of Brandon, Mississippi; six grandchildren – Raveen Kersh, Summer Kersh, Malik Kersh, Matthew Kersh II, Mason Kersh, and Noah Kersh; two great grandchildren, Amirea Kersh and Ryland Kersh; a loving great niece, Danielle Kersh; a loving great nephew, Dustin Kersh; and Sherrial Kersh, who was like a daughter to her. She also leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones who will miss her presence.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Christian Community Church

1011 Trickhambridge Road
Brandon, MS 39042

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrim Rest MB Church
925 Trickhambridge Road
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Jessie Bell Hawkins*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - March 06, 2024 at 05:38 PM

ES

“ *Our Prayers are with the Kersh family. Earl and Byshia Smith*

Earl and Byshia Smith - March 08, 2024 at 03:18 PM

SH

“ *Sharon Hoard sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Sharon Hoard - March 07, 2024 at 10:52 AM

RW

“ *Rosalind Washington lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Rosalind Washington - March 06, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jessie Bell Hawkins.*



March 06, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Bessie Taylor - March 05, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Carolyn Palmer lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Carolyn Palmer - March 04, 2024 at 07:58 AM



“ *Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Alexis Bilbro - March 03, 2024 at 09:22 AM

MB

“ *To the Hawkins and Kersh Family Mrs.Jessie was a sweet and kind woman she will truly be missed,The Boone Family.*



Myra Boone - March 02, 2024 at 11:25 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Eddie Ainsworth - March 02, 2024 at 07:57 PM

AP

“ *A palmer lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



A j palmer - March 02, 2024 at 09:07 AM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Evelyn Young - March 01, 2024 at 02:19 PM

RO

“ *My deepest sympathy is with the Hawkins and Kersh family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Robbie Buckhalter-Singleton (classmate)



Robbie - March 01, 2024 at 11:22 AM

LG

“ *RIP Auntie.. love you*

Lesa Gray - February 29, 2024 at 09:46 PM

LT

“ *Latrenia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Latrenia Taylor - February 29, 2024 at 08:26 PM

LJ

“ *Latasha Jones lit a candle in memory of Jessie Hawkins*



Latasha T Jones - February 29, 2024 at 03:14 PM

TS

“ *Temikia Stone lit a candle in memory of
Jessie Hawkins*



Temikia Stone - February 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM