



Mrs. Lillie Ruth Lucas

May 29, 1929 - July 15, 2025

Lillie Ruth Johnson Lucas' life story began May 29, 1929 with her happy parents Robert and Earl Lee Johnson in Rankin County, MS. She was the second child of nine children born to Robert and Earl Lee.

Ruth began her education in a one room school at Jerusalem Church. She reached eighth grade and had to spend much of her early teenage years working on the family farm and as caregiver for her younger siblings, not leaving much time for a formal education.

Ruth was employed at Baptist Hospital in Jackson in the food service department.

Later, while in her early twenties Ruth moved to Saginaw, Michigan and later to Chicago, Illinois. While in Chicago, she met and married Walter Lucas who preceded her in death (1988). They parented two sons: Bill C Johnson, Sr. (deceased) and Zachary Lucas.

Ruth worked in food service for TriR Food Service Company until she retired and returned to Mississippi in 1985. She was an excellent cook with her favorite dishes being collard greens, candied sweet potatoes, peach cobbler, Mac and cheese and homemade ice cream. These were a must at family gatherings.

Much of her pastime was spent enjoying playing cards, fishing, and visiting with family.

Ruth gave her life to Christ at an early age, and was baptized at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. After returning to Mississippi she rejoined Jerusalem Church, where she served faithfully on the hospitality committee, participated in bible study, Sunday school and Sunday worship.

Ruth's memories will live on in the hearts of those who loved her, including her son Zachary Lucas of Braxton, MS; grandchildren: Vanessa Star, Skye Renee, Walter Henry Lucas II, all of Memphis, TN; Bill C.

Johnson Jr. (Tawana) Augusta, GA, Santessa Johnson, Newport News, VA; eight great grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter; two sisters, Janet Smith and Mae (Gregory) Lampley, of Braxton, MS; one brother, Lawrence (Mae Katherine) Wilson, Braxton, MS; special daughter-in-law, Ann Johnson, Braxton, MS; close friends, James Dixon, Rachel McDowell, Valerie Bibbs and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Jerusalem M.B. Church Cemetery

446 Jerusalem Church Road
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. 11:00 AM (CT)

Jerusalem M. B. Church
446 Jerusalem Church Road
Brandon, MS 39042
deanmemorialfh@aol.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lillie Ruth Lucas*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - July 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie L. Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas*



Debbie L. Jenkins - July 22, 2025 at 01:43 PM

FW

“ *Faith Weathersby lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas*



Faith Weathersby - July 22, 2025 at 07:54 AM

VJ

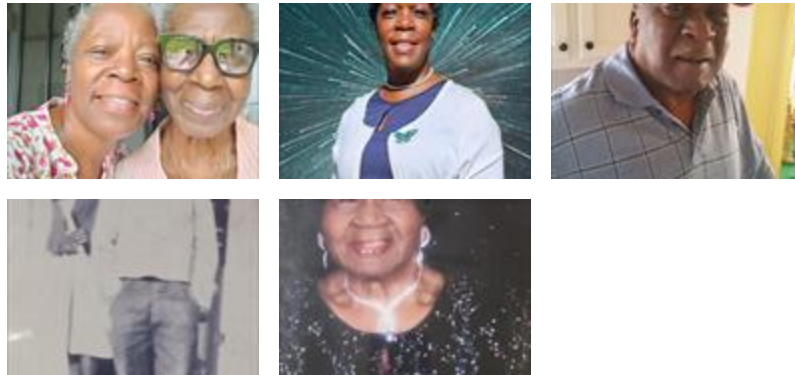
“ Vergie jackson lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas



Vergie jackson - July 21, 2025 at 05:56 PM

ZL

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Zachary Lucas - July 20, 2025 at 09:36 PM

AW

“ Deepest condolences 🙏



Arnett Williams - July 20, 2025 at 08:16 PM

LF

“ Love Carolyn and Eddie Gayden & family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Lillie Ruth Lucas.



Love Carolyn and Eddie Gayden & family - July 19, 2025 at 08:10 PM

RM

“ Redirection Church Ministries purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Lillie Ruth Lucas.



Redirection Church Ministries - July 19, 2025 at 02:50 PM

FT

“ From The Spight Family. Cordova, TN purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Lillie Ruth Lucas.



From The Spight Family. Cordova, TN - July 19, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Ruth Lucas.



July 18, 2025 at 05:43 PM

EW

“ *Eletha Walker lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas*



Eletha Walker - July 18, 2025 at 12:54 PM

GB

“ *Grace Brown lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas*



Grace Brown - July 17, 2025 at 11:19 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas*



Eddie Ainsworth - July 17, 2025 at 07:43 PM

SB

“ *Shelsea D Buckhaultler lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas*



Shelsea D Buckhaultler - July 17, 2025 at 04:59 PM

ET

“ *My prayers are with the family during this difficult time, I pray God will comfort your hearts and grant you peace in your time of sorrow.*



Evelyn Tillis - July 17, 2025 at 01:09 PM

MJ

“ *My condolences to the family. May God comfort you all. There's great memories to remember.*

Mary Frances Johnson-Banks - July 16, 2025 at 03:48 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Buckhaultler lit a candle in memory of Lillie Lucas*



Barbara Buckhaultler - July 16, 2025 at 03:25 PM