



Mrs. Dortha Stewart White

February 22, 1925 - May 15, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Mrs. Dortha Stewart White, 95, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, in Canton, MS. A private graveside service will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at Tula Cemetery in Oxford, MS. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Born on Feb. 22, 1925 in Darling, MS to James and Vesta Stewart, Mrs. White lived most of her life in Oxford, MS. Her family remembers her as loving, kind, and generous. Her generosity and compassion were best seen in the love and care she had for those under her care in the foster grandparent program at NMRC. She had a special fondness for "Susie", one of the residents.

Mrs. White also loved to cook and was always conscious of being sure everyone had what they liked to eat. She would even leave special treats for guests who stayed in her home. One of her favorite sayings was "Eat something and you'll feel better." A child of the depression, she developed a strong work ethic and was always looking for a job. Another favorite saying of hers was, "When things go wrong, work!"

Mrs. White survived several tragedies in her life and emerged as a survivor.

Most of her working life was spent at the University Bookstore at Ole Miss. However, at the young age of 19, during the war, she was called on to serve as School Principal.

Mrs. White is survived by her son, Thomas Stewart Coleman (Theresa) of Brandon, MS; two grandsons, Taylor Coleman and Parker Coleman; two granddaughters, Jessica Hardwick and Jamie McAda; three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Hardwick, Sadie McAda, and Dylan McAda; one stepdaughter, Glenda Hale; and one stepson, Jerry White.

Mrs. White was preceded in death by her parents, James and Vesta Stewart; her husbands, R.T. Coleman, Jr. and W.B. White; her daughter, Mildred Coleman Gardner; her stepdaughter, Kay White Jackson; and 4 brothers, John Henry Stewart, Leslie Stewart, Vardaman Stewart, and Cortez Stewart.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and donations may be made to Springdale Freewill Baptist Church (Linda Daniels: 1372 Hwy 334, Oxford, MS, 38655) or the Cemetery Fund at Tula Cemetery (Janis Parker Downs: 64 CR 436, Oxford, MS, 38655).

Online condolences are highly encouraged to be placed on the Tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I have such fond memories of Miss Dortha from working in the Ole Miss Bookstore with her. One of those was when they had a casino game night up stairs and I asked if she was going to the casino she promptly replied absolutely not. When I asked why she simply said "The Lord might come and he might not stop at the casino". I have remembered those words for more than 25 years now. Mrs Dortha helped me get my current job with Telecommunications and I have been here 23 years now. Thanks Miss Dortha I will never forget your kindness.

Wanda Leopard - May 19, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ Miss Dorothea was such a lovely lady with a sweet smile for everyone. She was an inspiration to us considering all of the hard things that she faced with courage and grace. Mother was so fond of her. My sympathies to her family.

Ellen Coleman Weaver - May 18, 2020 at 11:32 PM