



## Roxie Lee Rickard

March 29, 1927 - July 16, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Roxie Mae Lee Rickard, 95, was welcomed home with shouts of praise Saturday, July 16th, 2022, after a short illness at home surrounded by family.

Roxie was born March 29, 1927 to the late Arthur Littleton and Vida Mae Milligan Lee. She grew up on the family farm in Clover Bend, AR where she graduated valedictorian from Clover Bend High School. She took her talents to Memphis and attended business school. Throughout her life, she worked as a secretary and ended her career at her beloved church, Whitehaven Baptist in Memphis, TN.

In July 1947, Roxie took a train to Corpus Cristi, TX to marry the love of her life, Walter "Rick" Rickard, and begin one of the greatest love stories of all time. Their marriage was what fairytales are made of - full of adoration, kindness, and love for each other. They started their family in Pennsylvania, migrated to Texas, and eventually settled in Memphis, TN. As a pair, the two traveled the world, raised their children, and spent their retirement doing their favorite thing - bragging on their grandchildren. They were married for 66 years before his death in 2014 and are now happily together again.

Roxie could make anything grow - her garden was always full of beautiful

flowers and plants. She was a voracious reader, always having a book in her hand or nearby. Wherever Rick's work carried them, she ensured her family was immediately active in church. She found joy in teaching Sunday School and mentored young married couples throughout her life. She loved making Christmas stockings for her family, making over 300 for all to enjoy. In her later years, she appreciated a good cup of coffee after each meal and snuggling with her favorite pups, Toby and Lacey.

She is survived by joys of her & Rick's life, their five children - Keith (Janet) of Burkburnett, TX, Roger (Jan) of Garland, TX, Kerry (Karen) of Big Sandy, TX, Lori (Ken) Rhodes of Smyrna, TN and Melodie (Steve) Hoggard of Olive Branch, MS as well as 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, brother Arthur Earl Lee; four sisters Hazel Lee, Pearl Lee, Vivian Lee Doyle King, and Clella Lee Horrell and her beloved nephew David Lee Doyle.

A graveside service will be held Monday, July 18th at 12:00 pm at Clover Bend Cemetery. Rev. Ralph Thomason will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a memorial be made in Roxie's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) or Whitehaven Baptist Church (4800 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38116)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Clover Bend Cemetery  
211-223 County Road 532  
Powhatan, AR 72410