

Obituary

Ora Lee McGowan age 94, of Hico and formerly of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on January 1, 2026 in Clifton, Texas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Noon, Monday, January 5, 2026 at the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Clifton. Father Cladius Mndolwa will officiate. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 5, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M., at Lawson Funeral Home in Meridian. Burial will be held in Birmingham, Alabama at the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Ora Lee McGowan was born in Birmingham, Alabama, to Thomas and Ora Lee Barfield McGowan. She was raised and educated in Birmingham. After receiving her masters in nursing she began working in the emergency department for several large hospitals. Birmingham always being home she eventually retired from Saint Vincent Hospital after a number of dedicated years. After retiring the first time she decided to make a change and move to Illinois with her sister and brother-in-law. While there, she began a career in Home Care and would eventually retire for the second time years later. When health declined she moved to Texas to be closer to her nephew, Thomas Storey. The family remembers Ora always remembering everyone's birthdays in the family and it did not matter what degree of kinship she knew your birthday. The family looked forward to getting their birthday cards from Ora (even if they were six months behind). Ora was a quiet lady that liked to remain to herself and enjoy the little things in life. She will be deeply missed by those that knew her.

Left to cherish her memories are her nephew, Thomas Storey and wife, Christie; and a number of other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and many others.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Ora McGowan; and her siblings, Catherin Storey, Albert McGowan, Mary Jerome Manning and Thomas McGowan.



In Loving Memory



Ora McGowan

SEPTEMBER 14, 1931 -
JANUARY 1, 2026

PSALM 16

⁷ I WILL BLESS THE LORD WHO HAS GIVEN
ME COUNSEL;
MY HEART ALSO INSTRUCTS ME IN THE
NIGHT SEASONS.

⁸ I HAVE SET THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE
ME;
BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND I SHALL
NOT BE MOVED.

⁹ THEREFORE MY HEART IS GLAD, AND MY
GLORY REJOICES;
MY FLESH ALSO WILL REST IN HOPE.

¹⁰ FOR YOU WILL NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN
SHEOL,
NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO
SEE CORRUPTION.

¹¹ YOU WILL SHOW ME THE PATH OF LIFE;
IN YOUR PRESENCE IS FULLNESS OF JOY;
AT YOUR RIGHT HAND ARE PLEASURES
FOREVERMORE.



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Date Of Birth

SEPTEMBER 14, 1931



Date Of Passing

JANUARY 01, 2026

VISITATION

10:00 A.M., Monday, January 5, 2026

Lawson Funeral Home

Meridian, Texas

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

12:00 P.M., Monday, January 5, 2026

Holy Angels Catholic Church

Clifton, Texas

BURIAL

Forest Hill Cemetery

Birmingham, Alabama