Celebrating the Life of



Ardie Lee Grubbs Myers

"May Doll"

Sunrise
October 2, 1935

Sunset
March 28, 2026

Saturday, April 4, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Mary Grove Missionary Baptist Church

607 Mary Grove Church Road
Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114

Pastor Willie B. Hobbs, Jr., Officiating
Pastor Jeffery Floyd, Pastor

The Order of Service

Deaconess Sandra Brown, Mistress of Ceremonies

Processional | *Pastors and Family*

Song | *Mary Grove Church Choir*

Devotion

Scripture Reading | *Pastor G. Mitchell Chatman*
Psalm 23

Prayer | *Pastor Jeffery Floyd*

Song | *The Hobbs Brothers*

Tributes

Grandchildren/Children's Last Words

Song | *Mary Grove Church Choir*
"Amazing Grace"

Eulogy | *Pastor Willie B. Hobbs, Jr.*

Recessional | *Funeral Directors of J&M*



Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
Proverbs 31:25-31



The Obituary

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

II Timothy 4:7-8

Beginning…

Ardie Lee Grubbs Myers, *lovingly known as May Doll, was born on October 2, 1935, in Simpson County, Mississippi. She was the third child born to Emmett, Sr. and Gertrude Durr Grubbs.*

Educational Years…

In the early 1940s and 50s, the early grades were housed in local churches. Ardie Lee was a part of that era. Later, she continued her education at Magee Consolidated High School.

Spiritual and Loving Years…

Ardie Lee joined Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. Soon after finishing school, Ardie met the love of her life, William Quitman Myers, whom she lovingly referred to as "Bunny" and known to others as "Baby Ray." He passionately called her "May Doll" (derived for My Doll). To this union, five children were born. Due to his army career, they lived in several places before settling in Magee, Mississippi. Ardie Lee then joined Mary Grove Missionary Baptist Church serving with the Mission and Pastor's Aid Ministries until health failed her. May Doll and Baby Ray were married for 65 years, experiencing a lifetime of love, bliss, and all of life's ups and downs—together. They remained deeply in love until his transition home on November 1, 2019.

Working Years…

Ardie Lee Myers began her working career in the laundry at the Mississippi Tuberculosis Sanatorium. After leaving there, she was employed at Jackson Package in Jackson, Mississippi, for a number of years. She then dedicated 24 years of her life to the Universal Manufacturing Plant (later known as Magnetek) in Mendenhall, Mississippi, where she eventually retired. However, even after retirement, she remained devoted to her community, providing transportation to those in need—whether it was to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, or any other essential task. She was truly the epitome of 'I am my brother's keeper.'

Ardie was preceded in death by her parents, Emmett, Sr. and Gertrude Durr Grubbs; husband, William Q. "Baby Ray" Myers; three brothers, Emmett Grubbs, Jr., Robert Grubbs, and James Grubbs; and two sisters, Lois Thompson and Alice Marie Grubbs Etienne.

Ardie Lee leaves to cherish her loving memories: one son, James L. (Cootie Mae) Myers, Magee, Mississippi; four daughters, Ellen (Milton) Walker, Lawrence, Mississippi, Gail Myers, Mendenhall, Mississippi, Sylvia Myers, Austin, Texas, and Sidney (Byron Rettig) Ortiz; two sisters, Joyce Swan, Los Angeles, California and Norma (Claude) Vereen. She also leaves 12 grandchildren, 25 great grand children, five great great grandchildren and host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ardie Lee Grubbs Myers will be greatly missed.

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

by Anonymous

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free!

Miss me a little – but not for long.
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that once we shared.
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we must all take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
Laugh at all the things we used to do.
Miss me, but let me go.







Heartfelt Tributes from May Doll's Family

To Mother Dear,

You have left us physically,
but you will always be with us
through the truth you taught
Each one of us to live.

You always said,
"Never worry, just trust in Love
and be happy."
And with those words of truth and
wisdom, we say goodbye knowing you
are in a happy place.

Love,
James, Ellen, Gail, Sylvia,
and Sidney





Momo,

I want to start off by saying Thank You. Thank you for teaching and showing me the meaning of compassion and real true love. You were always helping other people. Thank you for teaching me life skills. Thank you for being such a loving and caring grandmother and great grandmother. Thank you for always being there for me and my girls. We thank you. I'm going to miss our laughs and talks , and your great advice you would give me. Rest easy MoMo, until we meet again.

Love you Always.
Tiffy, Madysen and Ella
(aka your chipmunks)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful servant.

Our beloved MoMo was a beautiful and gracious giver of her time and resources, a gentle thread that lovely held our family together, and a joyful spirit who's smile and laugher will remain in our hearts always. She now rests peacefully in the presence of the Lord she faithfully served.

Love, Eric L. (Waverly) Myers;
daughters: Avery and Ava Myers

Heartfelt Tributes from May Doll's Family



Dear Maw Maw and Paw Paw,

We're forever grateful for the time we shared. Our relationship may not have been close, but the moments we did have together still mattered to us and will always be apart of our lives. The bond we shared as family goes beyond moments and distance. It lives in both spirit and blood that cannot be measured by how often we were together, but by the connection that remains. We honor you as our grandmother and grandfather- apart of who we are and where we come from. That connection continues, not only in memory, but in spirit. May y'all rest in peace surrounded by light and love. Forever grateful deeply appreciative and will always carry Love within our hearts for you and family,

Love Always, Jammie, Justin, & Brianna Myers



Momo,

This isn't easy to put into words but I'll do my best. It's two things I'll always remember you mostly by. The first is how funny you were. I'd like to think we all got our sense of humor from you. Even when you were being completely serious , you had a way of talking about things that would make me cry laughing. Even in your older age you had a quick comeback for anybody that needed it. And then there was the way you cared for your people. Every big dinner you made for every holiday it was ten plates ready to go down the street to everyone you knew needed it. In a world where everything can seem cold and like you're dealing with things completely alone, you had a way of making people feel included. And like they mattered. I love you dearly and you will be missed from the belly laughing to you pinching me in church so hard I thought I was bleeding then passing me a caramel Werther's out of the bottom of your purse to make for sure I was okay. Rest easy Miss Mae Doll.

Love, Amaris (Kaitlynn) Ortiz & Great grandchildren: Kyson, Zoe, Mia, (bonus daughter) Henley



Momo *was a loving grandmother whose presence meant so much to all of us. She brought comfort, strength, and love to our family, and her memory will always be a part of who we are. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered in our hearts.*

Love, Ashra (Errol Jr.) Ortiz-Spence
& great grandson, Errol III and bonus great granddaughters, Ivy and Violet

Heartfelt Tributes from May Doll's Family

God is love and Love is God we don't see the wind but we see the effects and the truth will be here when we are all dead and gone love you Maw Maw

Love, Marcus Myers & great grandchildren, Devin Berry, Ariana Myers, Olivia Newsome, Zada Myers, Jaylon Jaynes; bonus great grandchildren, David Womack and Gabrielle Womack

Momo was a quiet soul, but her love spoke louder than words ever could. Whether she was doing her crossword puzzles or her peddling exercises, she found peace in the simple things—and no matter what, she was always "perking along." She used to call me her little FBI agent, since I'd do all the investigating for her.

Love, Sidney Michelle Ortis and great granddaughter, Alayna

Momo,

You helped raise me with a hand that was both firm and full of love, shaping not just who I am, but how I move through life. You taught me that being smart is important but being wise matters more and I saw that firsthand and how you lived your life. I will miss your strength and most of all, your humor, because it came so naturally to you. It would catch us off guard, leaving us laughing until our stomachs hurt, and our face is ache from smiling. I will hold onto your voice, your lessons, your love always. Rest in love.

Love—Pot, a.k.a. Terumi Harris-Stine & Great grandchildren: Carter Stiner, Chloe Stiner, Campbell Stiner

MoMo's Legacy of Love,

You were a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother too, this is the legacy we have from you. You taught us love and how to fight, you gave us strength, you gave us might. A stronger person would be hard to find, and in your heart you were always kind. You fought for us all in one way or another, not just as a wife, not just as a mother. For all of us you gave your best and now the time has come for your to rest. So go in peace, you have earned your sleep. Your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep. We love you MoMo. You are gone but never forgotten. Until we meet again,

Love, First granddaughter, April Lakesha Myers-Williams and your late grandson–in-law, Larry Ellis Williams; great granddaughter, Erin Raquel Williams; great grandson, Ellis Reid (Zarena Hill) Williams; great great grandson, Ellis Reid Williams, Jr. and great great granddaughter, Lena Grace Williams

Dearest Momo,

Words cannot fully express the depth of love, gratitude, and honor I feel to be your granddaughter. Your example of womanhood, femininity, and courage has forever shaped the woman I am today. Thank you for embodying the Proverbs 31 woman in both deed and word laying a sacred foundation of what it means to be a wife, a mother, and a lady of grace and purpose.

Your life was one crowned with honor and uplifted in glory. I am deeply grateful Benjamin Isaac had the blessing of meeting you, and hold close the promise that we will see you again. We celebrate a life beautifully lived. You now, are 'reft of this confusion, lifted up, and carried into the light. May your soul ascend to Heaven's highest heights. Your memory will forever be a blessing.

With love always & forever,
Dr. Andrea Ortiz & Benjamin Isaac Ortiz





Acknowledgments

We acknowledge with deep appreciation the outpouring of love, support and compassion from friends and loved ones during the homegoing of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so very much. May God bless and keep each of you.

Active Pallbearers

Marcus Myers
Jammie Myers
Eric Myers
Amarius Ortiz
Justin Myers
Errol Spence, Jr.

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Gregory Cemetery
1844 Highway 541 N
Magee, Mississippi 39111

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Mary Grove Church Fellowship Hall



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