



## Mary Jean McNamee

December 15, 1928 - February 4, 2021

Mary Jean McNamee, age 92, of Forrest City, died Thursday, February 4, 2021, at the White River Medical Center in Batesville, Arkansas.

Mrs. McNamee was born December 15, 1928, in Itawamba, Mississippi, and was the daughter of William Hale and Clara Bostick Hale. She lived in Forrest City most all of her life, was a past member of the B.P.&W. of Forrest City, and was a member of the First Baptist Church for seventy years.

Mrs. McNamee was retired from the First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas where she worked from 1965 till 2004. When asked which bank, she would always answer, there is only one bank. She was known for her many talents as she was an avid oil painter, baker of wedding cakes, and made beautiful quilts. She would stay up late baking pound cake favorites and petitfours for friends and families. She loved shopping and always liked a good garage sale. She cruised and traveled from Hawaii to St. Thomas Island, from Washington State to Washington D.C.. She loved flowers and had a thumb for growing plants. She loved her yard and the outside. She was never an idle lady. She was a great person who exemplified her faith, loved family, and had a giving heart. She treasured her many friends and loved people. She loved people and always loved to smile.

Mrs. McNamee married Pat McNamee in 1949 in Oneida, Arkansas, and he

preceded her in death in 2015. They moved to Forrest City in 1950 and was married for sixty-six years. She is survived by one daughter, Judy Belcher, and husband, Terry, of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, one brother, Leon Hale of Benton, Arkansas. She was grandmother to Gwen Mullen, and daughter, Meg, of Walnut Ridge, Mary Lynn Mullen of Washington D.C., Jason Belcher, and wife, Melissa, and children; Nolan and Stryker, all of Jonesboro, and Dr. Ryan Belcher of Nashville, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by one son, William Patrick 'Bill' McNamee in 2013, two sisters; Aubrey and Maxine and two brothers; Fred and Earl.

The family would like to thank all the Woodlawn Care Givers for the love and care that they gave and also the St. Francis Assisted Living where she was given so much attention and had so much fun. They treated her like family.

Services for Mrs. McNamee will be held at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City, 11:00 A.M., Wednesday. Visitation will be Wednesday, beginning 10:00 A.M., until the time of the service. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, 3:00 P.M., at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Water Valley, Mississippi. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

Water Valley, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
507 N. Rosser  
Forrest City, AR 72335

## Funeral Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

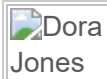
First Baptist Church  
507 N. Rosser  
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## Interment

FEB 10. 3:00 PM.

Oak Hill Cemetery  
Water Valley, MS

# Tribute Wall

Dora Jones

“ *Dora Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean McNamee*



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**Dora Jones** - March 02, 2021 at 07:11 AM

CN

“ *Aunt Mary is now with my dad, Tommy (Earl), her brother, Fred, her sisters, Aubrey and Maxine, and Papa and Mama Hale for a joyous reunion! She was one of a kind and will be truly missed! Love you, Judy, Terry, and family!*  
~Cousin Christy Hale Nieto

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**Christy Hale Nieto** - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM

FO

“ *For a life well lived, a very soft spoken, caring lady that loved working in her yard planting flowers you will surely be missed. I never knew where you put all those flowers and I am forever greatfull for all that you taught me about plants and flower. Home is on the other side.*

*Forrest Rooks*

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**ForrestRooks** - February 09, 2021 at 04:35 PM



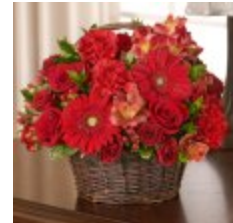
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jean McNamee.*



February 09, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Meredith S., Jessica G., & Sarah A. purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Mary Jean McNamee.*



**Meredith S., Jessica G., & Sarah A.** - February 08, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *One sweet lady, who always made me feel special. So sorry Judy.*

**Annette** - February 07, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *she will be missed she made me a cake for my mother which mother loved it was good to ill always rember her shed make you laugh may god wrap your arms around her always amen.*



**carol cummings** - February 07, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Sending sympathy and love to Judy and her family.*

**Sula McAuley** - February 07, 2021 at 03:04 PM

SM

“ *Sula McAuley lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean McNamee*



Sula McAuley - February 07, 2021 at 03:01 PM

JS

“ *Mrs McNamee was always so nice to me. When I would return to my hometown and I would see her in Forrest City she was so happy to visit and laugh of old times . Judy and I grew up in church together and were friends. I always had fun at their home when I would spend the night. Love and prayers to you , Judy, and your family. Jan Greene Sprott*

Jan Greene Sprott - February 07, 2021 at 01:07 PM

GB

“ *When we moved to Forrest City in 1965, we lived on Stone St., and the McNamee's lived around the corner from us on N. Division. We knew all their family there. Mary, Judy, Bill & Pat. They were great people! I had the pleasure of working with Pat at Kroger for a couple of years from '68-70.*

Gary Burfield - February 07, 2021 at 12:45 PM

LR

“ *Lynda Boydston and Vicky Ragin purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Mary Jean McNamee.*



Lynda Boydston and Vicky Ragin - February 07, 2021 at 11:04 AM

CJ

“*Mary McNamee was my first boss at FNBEA in the bookkeeping department. I loved working with her. She encouraged me and I was thankful for her guidance. In the last few years I was able to visit with her. She was always kind and welcoming.*

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**Connie Jayroe** - February 06, 2021 at 10:41 PM

MM

“*Mrs. Mary was the person who led me to the job at FNBEA. She truly had a kind spirit and loved her work. She and Jim Hargraves worked so well together and had a true respect and love for one another. Hard to believe we lost them both on the same day. Many prayers for the family.*

*Margo (Lieblong) McElroy*

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**Margo McElroy** - February 06, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MH

*Mrs. Mary McNamee was my first boss at First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. I walked in one day looking for a job she hired me the same day. We have been friends every since. She was a great Boss and even better friend. She will be truly missed. I worked with her for 15 years before I transferred to Data processing where I then worked for Mr. Jim Hargraves. I loss both my bosses around the same time. They both will truly be missed by all.*

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**Mary Louise Humphrey** - February 07, 2021 at 10:11 PM

DJ

*Judy, you are in my prayers! Our Mothers are together in Heaven now. We were truly blessed to have Christian Mothers. Dora F. Jones*

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**Dora Flanagin Jones** - February 09, 2021 at 03:22 PM