



Mickey Brown Ratcliff

May 1, 1935 - July 17, 2019

Ferriday-services for Mickey Brown Ratcliff, 84, of Ferriday, LA will be held Sunday, July 21, 2019 at First Baptist Church Ferriday at 2 pm with Bro. Josh Morea officiating. Burial will follow at Lynn Cemetery in Archibald, LA, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home in Ferriday.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Young's Funeral Home from 5 pm until 7 pm. and Sunday from 1 pm until service time Sunday at First Baptist Church Ferriday.

Mrs. Ratcliff was born May 1, 1935, in Mangham, LA, the daughter of Steve W. Brown and Ruby Andrews Berry. She was a graduate of Mangham High School and went on to pursue a B.S. in 1956 from Northeast Louisiana University and M.S. from University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS in 1958. She continued her education, earning a degree in guidance counseling. She was recognized in 1968 as one of the "Outstanding Young Women of America" for her contributions and membership in 13 service organizations.

She was a resident of Ferriday since 1960 and was an amazing Guidance Counselor at Ferriday High School for 30 years. She dedicated herself in genuine service to helping many students over the years in not only graduating high school, some with honors, but also helped many obtain grants for college and assisted some in joining the military. She was a long time

faithful member of First Baptist Church Ferriday. She taught 3rd and 4th grade Sunday school for over 16 years and was active in Wednesday night ministry and Sunday night discipleship. In her later years, she loved going to Monday School where senior ladies met to have bible study. She was a true friend and encourager to each pastor who served at First Baptist Church Ferriday, as she was asked to be a part of several pastor search committees over the years. She was a Godly mother who was faithful in her love, prayers and care for her family throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Glenn E. Ratcliff; her parents; three brothers, Frank, Stanley and Robert Brown; and two sisters, Billie Chaney and Lottie Boughton.

Survivors include: Daughter, Donna Ratcliff Melson and husband Brian of Columbia, South Carolina, son, Dan Ratcliff and wife Alisa of Natchez, MS and son, David Ratcliff and wife Darla of Prairieville, LA; 12 grandchildren, Leah Melson Culbertson and husband Trey, Clayton, Hope and Hannah Melson, Andrew, Jonathan, and Rebecca Ratcliff, Matthew, Nicholas and Jarrett Gautreau, Malory Ratcliff and Lawson Smith. Great-Grandchildren, Mia, Luka and Sawyer Culbertson; Vayda Forest, Jolie, Noah and William Gautreau. She is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Clayton Melson, Andrew Ratcliff, Jonathan Ratcliff, Joe Webber, Wayne Roberts and Charles R. Bubba Chaney. Honorary pallbearers will be Matthew Gautreau, Nicholas Gautreau, Jarrett Gautreau, Frank Smith, and the Deacons of First Baptist Church Ferriday.

We are grateful to all those who cared for mom over the years such as Rachel Fields, Cathy Jones, Carolyn McCollum and Rita Franks; also the nurses of Encompass Health, Charlene Anderson, Penny Crain and Erika Wilkes; Personal Home Service Caregivers, Paula Keith and Deb Barrett. We would

also like to thank the First Baptist Church Ferriday family, friends, and neighbors who have shown their love and support during her illness the past several months. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Ferriday.

Cemetery Details

Lynn Cemetery

Lynn Cemetery Road
Archibald, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Young's Funeral Home
609 North E. E. Wallace Blvd
Ferriday, LA 71334

Visitation

JUL 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Ferriday
302 EE Wallace Blvd
Ferriday, LA 71334
(318) 757-4524

Service

JUL 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mickey Brown Ratcliff.*



July 20, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mickey Brown Ratcliff.*



July 20, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Brian Melson - July 19, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mickey Brown Ratcliff.*



July 19, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Mickey Brown Ratcliff.*



July 19, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ *Sweet lady. She was my high school guidance counselor and helped me get a job working for her husband at Concordia Drug. Remember her taking such good care of Mr.Ratcliff in the nursing home. Glad to have known her. Sincerely, Laurie Meche Skates*

laurie skates - July 18, 2019 at 12:52 PM



Mrs. Ratcliff was a true gem. A kind, sweet lady who went far beyond the call to assist me in graduating from high school a year early. Everything from registering me for LSU correspondence courses, to cajoling teachers into providing me half-credits from earlier years. I would not have made it without her help and prodding.

Mrs. Ratcliff exuded class and grace from every pore. And with her, it wasn't an act, it was nature at work.

She will be sorely missed.

Paul Brasher - July 19, 2019 at 03:48 PM



I have not seen Micky for about forty five years, but she was the sweetest woman I have ever had the pleasure of meeting and being kin to. I'm sending our condolences, Micky will greatly be missed. From Charlie Jones and family, and Jeannie(Jones) Hernandez (Charlie's mom)

charlie jones - July 20, 2019 at 07:52 PM

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Have totally fond memories of her. She was a great help and inspiration to many students over the years. A truly Christian woman who lived her beliefs.

John Alwood (class of 1964)

John Alwood - July 22, 2019 at 10:29 AM

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I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mickey and fortunate to have had the chance to talk with her several times recently. She was my Father's cousin who I met when I was a child and only recently talked to her regarding genealogy work I have been doing.

She will be missed.

James Andrews and family. (Yancy F Andrews Grandson)

James Andrews - July 25, 2019 at 11:06 PM