

# Obituary

**I**dell Murry Jones was born Thursday, November 17, 1938 to Jesse Murry and Lillie Curry Murry in DeKalb, Kemper County, MS.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age and became a member of the Belmont Missionary Baptist Church in DeKalb, MS where Rev. Kevin Temple is the current pastor. At Belmont, she served on the Usher Board Ministry until her health failed. She received her education from the Kemper County School System where she attended Whisenton High School in DeKalb, MS. She later received her GED and became gainfully employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at the Mississippi Care Center in DeKalb, MS where she was obliging and compassionate to the welfare of others in her care. She was the beloved mother of nine children who consisted of five sons and four daughters.

Her hobbies and interests included shopping, fishing, and gardening. She also loved to travel and to spend time with her family and friends. She was a caring, nurturing, and loving mother, and an awesome and forgiving grandmother and great grandmother. Even in her last days, she continued to hold on to God's unchanging hands knowing that better days were coming. She transitioned on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Ochsner Rush Medical Center in Meridian, Lauderdale County, MS at the age of 84. Her daughter, Victoria Morton Edwards; son, Leslie McCallum; father, Jesse Murry; mother, Lillie Curry Murry; brothers, L.C. Murry, Willie Murry, and Jesse Murry, Jr.; and sister, Annie Mae Murry, preceded her in death.

Survivors are: daughters, Sylvia Morton Gaddis, Cynthia Morton McIntosh (Dwight), and Patricia McCallum Coleman, all of DeKalb, MS; sons, Sterling Murry (Ann) of Burton, MI; Michael Morton (Katherine) of Meridian, MS; David Morton (Petulia) of Cairo, GA; and Jesse McCallum (Camila) of Dallas, TX; step daughter, Beverly Jones of DeKalb, MS; daughter-in-law, Helen Ragsdale McCallum of Carthage, MS; sister, Loretta Murry Donald of Milwaukee, WI; sister-in-law, Earlene Murry of Meridian, MS; eighteen grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; special caregiver, Darnell Payton Tisdale of DeKalb, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.