



Kathleen Savoy Whitehead

June 29, 2019 - December 25, 2019

Mrs. Kathleen Savoy Whitehead of Vidalia passed away peacefully Christmas morning, December 25th, 2019, at the Deerfield Nursing Center in Delhi, LA, at 90 years old. Funeral services for Mrs. Whitehead are under the direction of the Comer Funeral Home and will be held on Monday, December 30st, at the Vidalia Presbyterian Church, 301 Spruce St, Vidalia, LA. 71373. Visitation will be observed from 9-11 a.m., funeral service to follow at 11:00am with Rev. Tony Ganey officiating. Interment will follow at the Historical Natchez City Cemetery, 2 Cemetery Road, Natchez, MS 39121.

A lifelong resident of Vidalia, Louisiana, Kitty-Lou, as she was affectionately called, was born in Plaquemine, LA on June 29, 1929, the oldest daughter of Captain Gilbert Julien and Mamie Etta Savoy. Kathleen graduated from Vidalia high school in 1946 and subsequently attended Spencer's Business College in Baton Rouge, receiving an associate degree in accounting. In the fall of 1948, Kathleen met the love of her life, George W. Whitehead (GW), on a blind date. Following a whirlwind romance, they were married 6 months later on Good Friday, April 15, 1949. They first lived in Natchez, then briefly in Morgan City and Houma LA eventually settling permanently in Vidalia. Along with her sweetheart, GW, they began an entrepreneurial partnership over the years, operating businesses such as Whitehead's Grocery, a Montgomery Ward Catalog store, rental properties and eventually a ServiceMaster franchise in the Miss-Lou area. To this day, Kathleen is remembered by friends and family for her quick wit and business prowess.

Mrs. Whitehead was also known for her strong commitment to the preservation of the Old Town of Vidalia. Forming a small group of historic preservationists in 1977, Kathleen was instrumental in securing The Sheriff Campbell House on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to her many accomplishments, Kathleen and GW were most proud of their children, Claudia, Amy and Web. Always with a high interest in education, Kathleen took a lead role in their lives assisting each of them to successfully graduate from college.

Before the onset of her illness, Mrs. Whitehead was an active member of the Vidalia Presbyterian Church serving at times as Elder, clerk of session, and the publishing of Sunday bulletin. Kathleen proudly served in her community as past member of the Civitan Club, the Salvation Army and the Musical Arts League of Natchez. Before the passing of her father and husband, Kathleen enjoyed the surroundings of her large family and gatherings. Rarely was a time where she was not hosting a family/friends gathering or attending a family party at her parents or sibling's houses. One of her favorite pastimes was to sit and sing along with her brothers, nephews and nieces during such family functions.

Mrs. Whitehead is preceded in death by her sweetheart of almost 42 years, George W. Whitehead; her parents Mamie Etta and Gilbert 'Jimmy' Savoy; brothers: Gilbert Savoy Jr., Clyde J. Savoy; nephews: Robert Luttrell of Texas, Glen W. Hall of Brandon MS, and Danny Savoy of Vidalia. Kathleen is survived by her siblings, Etta Lee Bryan of Baker, LA, and Curtis C. Savoy of Ferriday, LA; children: Claudia Morgan of Delhi, LA., Amy Heitzler of Olive Branch, MS. and George "Web" Whitehead of San Antonio, TX; Grandchildren: Alicia Hughes of Little Rock, AR, Amy Byrne of St. Louis, MO, Jake Heitzler of Memphis, TN, Haley Lonidier of Olive Branch, MS, and Will Heitzler of New Orleans, LA; Great Grandchildren: Lucie and Henry Hughes of Little Rock, AR, Beatice (Bea) and Francis Byrne of St. Louis, MO, and Hudson, Evelyn and Clark Lonidier of Olive Branch, MS. In addition, Kathleen is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and plenty of cousins.

Cemetery Details

Natchez City Cemetery

Natchez, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Vidalia Presbyterian Church
Vidalia, LA

Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Vidalia Presbyterian Church
Vidalia, LA

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe Rankin and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Kathleen Savoy Whitehead.



Joe Rankin and Family - December 30, 2019 at 07:10 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Hope you know how to make all the wonderful, delicious cajun food she used to make 40+ years ago when we'd all go visit. Love, Kleb and Joyce.

Kleb and Joyce Johnson - December 27, 2019 at 04:57 PM