

### Mary Tate Handy

Mary Tate Handy, 73, of Gloster, died April 19, 2006, at Cardiovascular Institute of Mississippi in McComb, after a brief illness.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Gloster. Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the church, with the Rev. Emanuel Powell officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Handy was born Nov. 6, 1932, in Liberty to Robert and Icy Mae Tate.

She was 10th of 12 children. She joined Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church of Gillsburg when she was 12 years old. After marriage, she moved her membership to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a faithful and active member until her death. She was a member of the usher board, mother board, women's missionary and Willing Workers at the church.

She loved her church, her family, her quilts and her flowers. She was dutiful in the community and a steward to the sick. Her motto was, "You will not have to give an account for what other people do to you, you will only have to give an account for what you do to other people."

Mrs. Handy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George T. Handy; five brothers, Lewis, Leo, Leroy, Ben and Lynus Tate; four sisters, Robbie Bates, Eula Scott, Emma Turner and Lola Bates; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include eight sons and seven daughters-in-law, Willie James and Rose Handy of New Orleans, William "W.L." and Joyce Handy, and Malcon and Brenda Handy, all of Gloster, George and Gwen Handy, and Aaron and Katrina Handy, all of Jackson, Elihu "Eddie" and Carolyn Handy of Woodbridge, Va., Kennedy Handy of San Antonio, Texas, and Robert Lee and Shaune Handy of Smithdale; seven daughters, Evelyn Louise Handy, Leslie Rose Handy, Ella Mae Handy, Elizabeth "Pat" Handy and Ceola Handy, all of Gloster, Emma Jean Livingston and her husband Richard of Memphis, Tenn., and Eula Marie Handy of Jackson; 34 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank Tate Sr. and Ruby of Summit; a sister, Ceola Lee William of Tunica; a special friend, E.M. Walker of Centerville; eight sisters-in-law, Lucille, Lear, Jessie Mae, Willie Mae, Mable, Robbie Gean, Hazel and Hattie; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.