



Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays

January 7, 1949 - June 11, 2025

Rosie Marie Mays was born on January 7, 1949, in Widener, Arkansas, to the union of Harry Rhines Sr. and Alma Mae Boose McKinney. She was lovingly raised in a home grounded in faith, strength, and the enduring bonds of family.

Rosie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Clarence Wyatt. In later years, she united with First Baptist Church under the pastoral guidance of Rev. S.W. Baker. Her faith remained a cornerstone of her life.

A devoted and nurturing mother, Rosie poured her heart into caring for her children. Known for her warm personality and generous spirit, she had a true gift for connecting with others. She found great joy in cooking, heartfelt conversations, and building lifelong friendships. She never met a stranger and was widely known as a people person whose kindness touched all who knew her.

Rosie was a woman of quiet strength and boundless love. Her heart was open, her hands were giving, and her presence was comforting. Whether offering a wise word, preparing a homecooked meal, or simply being there, Rosie had a way of making others feel deeply valued and loved.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Curtis Mays; her

parents, Harry Rhines Sr. and Alma Mae Boose McKinney; her stepfather, William McKinney Sr.; her daughters, Denise Mays Delvridge and Marquerita Lashell Dillard; and her siblings: Elizabeth Parnell, Mary Francis Pruitt, William Jr. McKinney, Bernice Stevenson, Jeremiah McKinney, Dottie Mae McKinney, David Lee McKinney, Precious Lane, and Bernard Booker.

She leaves to cherish her memory two devoted sons, James Mays and Ivory Dillard; two beloved grandsons, Quincy Mays and Jordan Mays; and one stepdaughter, Jori Simmons. She also leaves behind a remarkable legacy of forty-two siblings: May Rogers, Doris Gillaspie, Evelyn McKinney, Lee Roy McKinney, Isaiah McKinney, Earnest McKinney, Rickey McKinney, Ella Vereen, Veatrice Loyd, Sylvia K. Rhymes, Johnny Barringer, Willie Rhines, Ida Abbott, Jessie Lockridge, Shirley Lewis, Virginia Washington, Eller Nevarez, Hayward Booker, Danny Booker, Queen Elizabeth, David Rhines, Lawanda Jones, Steve Wilbourn, Harry Rhines Jr., Sammie Wilbourn, Greda Bell, Levester Rhines, Ritha Mosby, Leo Wilbourn, Ronald McGee, Catrina Grant, Brenda Johnson, Linda Johnson, Alecia Rhines, Overdean Williams, Deborah Borders, Anthony Wright, Denise Wright, Fantaivia Harwell, Irene Wright, and Antonio Wright.

Rosie will be remembered for the love she gave, the lives she touched, and the light she brought to all who knew her. Her legacy of faith, compassion, and resilience will live on through those who loved her most.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

624 SFC 744 Road
Forrest City , AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Service

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
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The family will line up at 1121 Center Street, Forrest City, AR 72335 on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 10:30 AM

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lovie A Hardrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays*



Lovie A Hardrick - June 20, 2025 at 05:53 PM

LM

“ *Sending sincere condolences and prayers to Ivory Lee and family. From the Mitchem family*



Ladonna L Mitchem - June 19, 2025 at 06:11 PM

SA

“ *Sonya Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays*



Sonya Anderson - June 19, 2025 at 03:33 PM

IM

“ *Irene Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays*



Irene moore - June 17, 2025 at 06:09 PM

DM

“ Sincere condolences and prayers to Jamie Lee my classmate, Evelyn McKinney, and the entire family of Ms Ree Baby, during this season in your lives. Rest in God's peace and comfort.



Donna McShan - June 17, 2025 at 01:53 PM

IM

“ Irene Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays



Irene moore - June 16, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ Mark Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays



Mark Clark - June 14, 2025 at 11:02 PM

JH

“ Joyce Mays Harden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays



Joyce Mays Harden - June 13, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JH

“ My condolences to my cousins, James Lee and Ivory Lee Mays. My prayers and deepest sympathies to you both. I know both of you guys were close to your mom, believe me I know the feeling, but what I can say it will get better with time and to know she's at peace with God and her two daughters your sisters, I pray that gives you some peace, I love you guys and I will keep you in my prayers, and I'm so sorry I can't be there, but my prayers from my heart will reach both of your hearts. Love Cousin Joyce Ann Mays-Harden!

Joyce Mays Harden - June 13, 2025 at 02:58 PM

PH

“ Pecola Hooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rosie Marie "ReeBaby" Mays



Pecola Hooks - June 13, 2025 at 02:56 PM

ST

“ Sincere Condolences to the Mays family and friends. Thinking of you at this most difficult time Sending prayers 🙏.



Shirley Williams Thorn - June 13, 2025 at 01:31 PM

AM

“ This was my sister Denise's mother and one of the sweetest person that I have ever known. She always had a kind word and a hug for me. Rest in love until we meet again. Family weeping only last a little while. Praying for everyone!

Andrew & Melinda McDaniel - June 12, 2025 at 04:09 PM