



## Mrs Jennie D. Swearengen

April 28, 1942 - August 30, 2021

Jennie Dickens Swearengen  
Thomastown, MS

Jennie Louise Dickens Swearengen was born to Bain and Mae Dickens of Thomastown, Mississippi, on April 28, 1942. She was the little sister of Gilbert Dickens. Jennie Lou graduated from Kosciusko High School with the class of 1960 and went on to spend four years in Clinton at Mississippi College where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. After college, she moved to Mobile, Alabama, to teach at Satsuma High School, but after several years, her father's health began declining, and she made the decision to move home to Thomastown to help him work in his general store. Back in Thomastown, she met and married Sam Swearengen, with whom she spent nearly forty years until his passing in 2014. She taught twelve years at Thomastown Attendance Center and after a several year hiatus, she resumed her teaching career at Leake Academy in Madden, Mississippi, where she taught for 19 years before retiring in 2016. Thanks to Sta Home Health, she was able to keep busy during retirement by calling to check on patients and by writing letters of encouragement to them, both duties that she thoroughly enjoyed. She was a longstanding member of her beloved Thomastown Baptist Church as the pianist and a Sunday and Bible school teacher.

Jennie Lou loved young people and truly enjoyed teaching history and geography. She will be remembered for her famous quote “Now....take care of your business.” During the summer months, she would mail postcards to all her current and incoming students. Jennie Lou would wish them a great summer and tell them she looked forward to seeing them in the fall. She supported her students at many of their extracurricular activities.

Jennie Lou loved Thomastown, Mississippi, its people, and her church. She was quick to inform everyone that Thomastown was the geographical center of the state! Even while taking chemo treatments, she jokingly said she was holding class at the clinic. She was teaching her nurses about Thomastown and its importance. She made them all learn how to spell “Yockanookany” River.

She passed away peacefully at her home in Thomastown on the morning of August 30, 2021. She is survived by her daughter Sally Kaye Swaengen, several “bonus grandchildren,” amazing family, and a whole host of wonderful friends whom she considered family. The people who encountered and knew Jennie Lou loved her. She had impeccable manners and was an example of a true “Southern Lady.” She touched the lives of old and young. Jennie Lou will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Thomastown Baptist Church. Services will follow at 2:00 pm with Bro. Brian Hill officiating. Interment is in Thomastown Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Dale Edgar, David Shelley, Randy Triplett, Colby Beem, Joseph Lovorn, and Jonathan Spears.

Honorary pallbearers are: Bobby Terry, Michael Ellington, Drew Chandler, Steve Bain, and Bain Dickens.

Memorial gifts may be made to Thomastown Baptist Church.



# Cemetery Details

## Thomastown Cemetery

Thomastown, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Thomastown Baptist Church  
Thomastown, MS

## Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Thomastown Baptist Church  
Thomastown, MS

## Burial

SEP 1 (CT)

Thomastown Cemetery  
Thomastown, MS

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Jennie Lou at Thomastown Baptist Church as a child when I visited my grandparents, Guy and Lucille Williams. Jennie Lou was such a talented lady. I loved to hear her play the piano and sing with the choir. My prayers are with Sally Kaye.  
Toni Ellen Orr Hurst Newport, TN

Toni Ellen Orr Hurst - September 02, 2021 at 05:56 PM

DW

“ I express sorrow to the family and friends of Mrs. Jennie Lou Dickens Swarengen. I pray our Lord's love, comfort and strength for each of you. Jennie and her family are dear friends and faithful servants of our Lord through their church and daily lives.

Dan West - September 01, 2021 at 01:12 PM

BP

“ What a blessing she was to my mother Jean Callaway. Miss Jennie's cards and phone calls were a life line and Mother always looked forward to receiving them. Reat in Peace dear friend.

Beverly Callaway Parkison - September 01, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RS

“ Renee Snuggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs Jennie D. Swarengen



Renee Snuggs - September 01, 2021 at 08:50 AM

RW

“ *She always had a smile and a kind word, and great advice to give. Loved by many ❤️ Will be missed. Prayers for you Sally 🙏💕 My Grandsons loved her.*



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**Rita Watkins** - August 31, 2021 at 03:02 PM

MS

“ *what a wonderful way to be remember. i went to kosciusko high school with jennie and graduated 2 years before. i just sally kay how much she will be missed by all of us in kosciuko too. mary faye sinclair*

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**Mary Faye Sinclair** - August 31, 2021 at 01:02 PM