



## Mary E. Ventura

April 12, 1924 - December 28, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Mary Ethel Ventura, age 101, of Olive Branch, Mississippi, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 28, 2025. Born on April 12, 1924, in Amory, Mississippi, to Hoshmer and Katheryn Hathcock, Mary lived a long and fulfilling life. A devoted member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch, Mary found joy in playing bridge and hosting yoga sessions at her home. She was also known for her culinary skills and will be dearly missed by her many friends and family.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, John Ventura (Margaret) of Olive Branch, MS; daughters, Patricia Hotard (Gabriel) of Athens, GA and Gloria Ventura of Atlanta, GA; brother, George Hathcock of Tacoma, WA; grandchildren, Charles Ventura of New Orleans, LA, Anthony Ventura (Tatyana) of Folsom, CA, Matthew Ventura (Dana) of Asheville, NC, Parish Ventura (Zoranyelis) of Atlanta, GA, Gabriel Hotard, Jr (Sylvia) of Clarkesville, GA; great-grandchildren, Hampton, Thomas, Abigail and Audrey Hotard of Clarkesville, GA, Nickolai, Roman and Bradley Ventura of Folsom, CA, Evelyn and Vivian Ventura of Asheville, NC.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Hosmer and Katheryn Hathcock; sister, Flora Gilbert; brothers, Wayne, Thelmond, Hermon and Carl Hathcock;

grandson, John Bradley Hotard and son-in-law, Charles Ray.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mary's honor to Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Olive Branch, MS (<https://queenofpeaceob.org/>).

Online condolences can be left on her tribute wall at [www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com).

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“*Mary Ethel Ventura will always remain in my heart because through the years I was very good friends with her daughter, Patricia and her son John. Patricia and I was a member of the class of 63 at St Joe high school.*



*My dad was with the federal government at the airbase and the Ventura's were always so welcoming to allow for me to stay in town when there were events. Let me always say there was something delicious on the cabinet, going to the stove, are waiting to be warmed up in the refrigerator. Mary Ethel was an excellent cook, and no one could turn down a snack at the Ventura table.*

*She was such a good listener and always so kind and gracious. Oh, my, 101, does that make me feel old? I do not think so. I just never can picture her as anything but young and spry and healthy and laughing and welcoming.*

*May the Good shepherd welcome you home and I pray that you will find many happy times in heaven, as you certainly deserve to be spoiled*

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