



## Irma J. Houston

May 6, 1937 - November 11, 2023

Obituary of Mrs Irma J. Houston 🌹

After devoting her entire lives to uplifting, educating, and supporting our youth as a school teacher, Mrs. Irma J. Houston, 86, passed away peacefully in her home on the 11th day of November 2023.

Irma Jean (Bush) Houston was born on May 6, 1937 in Columbus, MS to the late Lawson Bush III and Beatrice (Grove) Bush. She accepted Christ at an early age while growing up in our family church, the historic Missionary Union (MU) Baptist Church. She graduated from Hunt High School.

She attended Rust College in Holly Springs, MS, where she sung in the famed Rust College Choir as a featured Soprano soloist. She earned a BS degree in Elementary Education and later earned a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Mississippi University for Women.

She married Charles Robert Houston in 1960. Their union lasted over 56 years until Charles preceded her in death. To this union were born four children Renee Roland, Robert Houston of Niceville, FL, Kenneth Houston, and Tamaka Mayes of Atlanta, GA.

She had a long and distinguished career of almost 30 years as an educator in the Jackson, Vicksburg, and Columbus, MS. school districts. Her dedication touched the lives of many students as her former students can attest.

Family, friendship, singing, serving her community, and serving God were her passions.

She is survived by her children, eight grandkids, seven great-grandkids and a

host of other relatives.

Visitation: Family and Friends Hour will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lee Sykes Funeral Home located at 422 12th Street North Columbus, MS 39701.

Funeral Services: We welcome friends to celebrate her life and legacy on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Missionary Union Baptist Church located at 1207 5th Avenue North Columbus, MS 39701 where Pastor Shalamark Simpson presides and will be officiating.

Interment:

 Memorial Gardens of Columbus MS 

“Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.”