



Bessie Mae Burgess

November 28, 1934 - April 18, 2016

Bessie Mae Burgess, 81 year old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, died April 18, 2016 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. Born November 28, 1934 in Wetumka, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Riley Mathis and Clora Verda (Reading) Mathis. Mae married Glen Burgess and they lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma for many years before moving back to Northwest Arkansas in 1987. She worked as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell in Tulsa. After moving back to Gentry, Mae worked for many years at Dayspring. Mae was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Siloam Springs and the Telephone Pioneers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen; one daughter, Vicky Stone; three infant children: Steven Glen Burgess, Amber Suzanne Burgess, and Rodney Chriss Burgess; one sister, Lillian Dunavant; and her parents.

She is survived by one granddaughter, Melissa Wilson of Gentry; one grandson, Brandon Stone of Siloam Springs; four sisters: Norma Lee Bateman of Wichita, Kansas, Wyetha Carol Kibby of Three Rivers, Michigan, Ethel Marie Mattox of Westville, Oklahoma, and Donna Jean Thompson of Bixby, Oklahoma; one brother, Riley Jack Mathis of Southwest City, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ I just found out about Mae and I am so sorry. A Wonderful person! I Love you all and pray that God will give you all peace and comfort at this sad time. Mae was always fun to be around and just an all around great Lady!! My Love to all of you! Patty (Holt) Boyle



Patty Boyle - May 01, 2016 at 01:25 PM

BS

“ I loved Mae very much and am going to miss her more than I can say. Her quick wit and sense of humor kept us all laughing and smiling. I can speak for everyone who knew her at First Assembly of God when I say she was loved and there is a big hole on earth but Heaven is rejoicing "and laughing" with her presence.

Bobbie Seyer - April 28, 2016 at 01:35 PM

MF

“ To the family of Mae, my prayers are with you. Mae was great lady and will be missed.



Maxine Foster - April 21, 2016 at 09:52 PM

DT

“ Mae was my sister but I can say she was the most humble person I have had the privilege of knowing! She did so much charity work after she completely retired and never wanted any recognition for it! I can not imagine how many lives were touched by her! I just know that she must have so many stars in her crown now that she can hardly hold her head up! If everyone would do in their lifetime what she did in just one year this world would be so much better! God please help me to do just a small amount of what she did.

Donna Thompson - April 21, 2016 at 07:23 PM

BE

We all could learn from her example!!!!!!!!!!

BelindaLondaginShetlar - April 22, 2016 at 09:38 PM

BB

“ Mae was a wonderful spirited lady who I loved and admired dearly during her time at DaySpring. She left a legend of the best pie maker there. I still have the miniature cabbage patch dolls she made for my daughters over 25 years ago. I loved her spunk, humor and the wonderful person she was. May God comfort all of you and she will be missed dearly.
Prayers during this difficult time.
Becky and Bobby Burrell DaySpring

Becky Burrell - April 21, 2016 at 03:52 PM

DI

“ What a beautiful, wonderful soul--Rest in Peace, Grandma Mae!

Dorothy Ivey - April 19, 2016 at 10:56 PM

CB

“ *Melissa and family, I'm sorry for your loss. I met Mae at Dayspring about 1990. We worked together and hung out at lunchtime. We shared many lunches and good times. I loved her and her sense of humor. The past few month I got to visit with her and reminence about work, family and had some great laughs. I will miss her very much. You all will be in my prayers .*

Cheryl Breckenridge - April 19, 2016 at 09:31 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Breckenridge lit a candle in memory of Bessie Mae Burgess*



Cheryl Breckenridge - April 19, 2016 at 09:09 PM

BS

“ *Belinda Londagin Shetlar lit a candle in memory of Bessie Mae Burgess*



Belinda Londagin Shetlar - April 19, 2016 at 08:48 PM