



Leta Bell

October 6, 1918 - October 30, 2011

Leta Geneva Hensley Bell, age 93, died October 30, 2011 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born October 6, 1918 near Highfill, AR to James Baxter and Amanda Jane Chastain Hensley. She graduated from Vaughn High School in 1937 and traveled to California to work at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. She married Paul Gerald Bell in 1939 in Sacramento. Their honeymoon was spent at the 1939 World's Fair in San Francisco.

They returned to Arkansas in 1940 and operated Bell Grocery near the family farm in the Robinson Community in Benton County. Leta was also a real estate broker for several years in Springdale. She began her career at Tyson Foods in 1959 in the accounting department. She retired in 1994 at age 75 after 34 ½ years.

Her hobbies included cooking, traveling, and enjoying her grandsons and great-grandchildren. Leta was a 50+ year member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 221. She was a member of Springdale Business and Professional Women's Club and the Springdale Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of the Cave Springs Church of Christ for 79 years.

She is survived by her son, Monty and his wife Barbara of Springdale, grandsons; Chris and his wife Missie of Springdale, James and his wife Shelli of Fayetteville, and Jesse and his wife Sonja of Denver, Colorado and six great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by her nieces Jolynda Webster of Milton, FL and Virginia Story of Springdale, and nephews James

Shook of Redwood City, CA, Harold Shook of Prairie Grove, and Jim Hensley of Yukon, OK.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2011, at Cave Springs Church of Christ, Cave Springs, Arkansas. Burial will follow Benton County Memorial Park, Rogers, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Circle of Life Hospice 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762 or Cave Springs Church of Christ P O Box 100, Cave Springs, AR 72718.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ I read that Leta passed away and immediately had some great memories of her and Gerald. I was just a little girl and my mother, Norma Johnson, worked with Leta at Tyson's. I remember going to the house "on the hill" and visiting with her. I LOVED her accent and could listen to that gentle woman for hours. My mom (and dad) passed away this year, too, so I know the loss you are feeling. I'm happy that she had a long life that you guys made nice for her, no doubt. She's with your Dad now and for that I am grateful. God Bless your family.

Brenda Johnson-Paquette - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

KS

“*Monty: Seeing the announcement just recently about the loss of your mother brought back many fond memories of her and of your dad and your grandparents. The Sutterfield family moved from Kansas to the Robinson/ Brush Creek area in 1943, and we were immediately introduced to the Bells. We visited the Bell Store on Wildcat often. Most memorable times were when my cousin, Jim Treat, and I would walk or run more than the two miles each way to Bells to get a candy bar and a big RC Cola. Gerald and Leta were regular visitors to Brush Creek School activities when Maxine Draper was our teacher. Through the years, it was a pleasure to see your mother, sometimes with your Aunt Mae, Lorene Page or Darlene Treat. The last time I saw her (with you) was at the Elm Springs funeral of Lorene Page. At every occasion, it was a pleasure seeing her. I am glad for the good memories of her, your dad, and the Bell Store. Best wishes to the family.*

Keith

Keith Sutterfield - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

PH

“ Dearest Monty and Family, Please know we send our Sincere Love and Deepest Sympathy for the passing of your precious Mommy. I will always cherish my visits with her in her lovely home, and the times we would talk on the telephone....she was such a sweetheart.

*Remember the smiles...Cherish the moments...Find comfort in memories...Heaven has Truly Welcomed a Very "Special Angel."
Pixie*

Pixie Owens Huntley - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

EV

“ *Monty & Barbara*

The final chapter in your mother's life has been penned.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Evan & Dean Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

LM

“ *Leta was a very dear friend of mine. We belonged to the Eastern Star and had many years of sisterly love. Though we were both in ill health these last few years, I thought of her often and regret we weren't in touch more often. She blessed so many with her friendly and loving nature and I'm fortunate to have known her. Sincerely, Lorraine Moss*

Lorraine Moss - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

PA

“ I was saddened to hear of your loss. Leta was such a neat person and I enjoyed the years we worshipped together at Cave Springs. She was always entertaining and my Dad just loved to sit and visit with her. We will remember your family in prayer during this time.

Patsy Allen - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

NL

“ *Monty and Family,*
I am sending my sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Your Mom was a dear friend to the Clark family. She was a real jewell in the Robinson community.

Nancy Clark Lee - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM