



Opal Marguerite McGhee Reed

September 4, 1929 - October 22, 2017

Opal Marguerite McGhee Reed passed away Sunday, October 22, 2017 in Siloam Springs, AR. She was born September 4, 1929 in Birta, AR to parents, James Alton Gaydon and Letta B. McCoy Gaydon.

Marguerite married George McGhee on September 22, 1946. They had three children - Ronnie, Kay and Rusty. George passed away in 1973. Marguerite married Albert Reed in 1996 and they spent 20 years together until Albert's passing in October 2015.

Marguerite was a follower of Jesus Christ and served him in many ways throughout her life, always wanting to care for those in need. She was one of the first female employees of Franklin Electric in 1964 and worked there until her retirement in 1995. One of her proudest accomplishments was finishing her high school education in 1967, and the college education of her three children. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs since 1955, and faithfully served in numerous roles, especially in the children's area for many years. She was a wonderful cook and would rather feed forty than two.

Marguerite was predeceased by her parents, one brother, James W. Gaydon, husband George; husband Albert and grandson Cody Reed.

She leaves behind her children, Ronnie and wife, Paula, Kay Steele and husband, Darryl, Rusty and wife, Fran, step children, Lee Reed and wife, Karen, Jeannie Taylor and husband, Odell and Anne Chambliss. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Matt McGhee, Adam McGhee (Jill), Jamie Moody (Josh), Jeffery Steele (Carrie), Tyler McGhee (Amber), Gillian McGhee, Melody Reed, Andy Felts, Brad Felts, Brett Chambliss and eleven great grandchildren.

Visitation with family and friends will be Wednesday, October 25th at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, AR from 6:00 until 8:00p.m. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 26th at First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, AR and interment will be 4:00 p.m. at Birta Cemetery, Birta, AR.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church Siloam Springs, 2000 Dawn Hill Rd, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 or Arkansas Baptist Children's Home P.O. Box 427, Monticello, AR 71657.

Cemetery Details

Birta Cemetery

Birta Cemetery
Ola, AR 72853

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
2000 Dawn Hill Rd.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
<http://www.fbc-siloam.com>

Graveside Service

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Birta Cemetery

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Ola, AR 72853

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I worked with Marguerite at Franklin. She was a super nice sweet lady. So sorry to know she has left this world. God Speed Marguerite!

Jeff Ledbetter - October 29, 2017 at 05:57 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Opal Marguerite McGhee Reed.



October 27, 2017 at 11:30 AM

JB

“ We met this kind ,soft spoken lady when her and hubby Don moved to our neighborhood. Fine people, greater neighbors. Will truly be missed. Hugs to family members. Charles & Joyce Brooks

Joyce Brooks - October 26, 2017 at 01:12 PM

SC

“ Siloam Springs Riding Club lit a candle in memory of Opal Marguerite McGhee Reed



Siloam Springs Riding Club - October 26, 2017 at 10:15 AM

RV

“ *Our Condolences to the Family, GOD bless.....*

Randy & Connie Vohs - October 25, 2017 at 09:27 PM

BH

“ *Marguerite was a gracious southern lady. My parents, Betty and Burton Mead, lived next to Marguerite for many years; Marguerite was a wonderful friend and neighbor and our entire family loved her. The last time I visited with Marguerite, she and Albert were in Rogers at a Pickin' in the Park where Albert was playing. Visiting with Marguerite was a delight, as always.*

Becky Mead Hill

Becky Hill - October 25, 2017 at 06:27 PM

DE

“ *Thinking of the family and praying for God to comfort you at this time of loss.*

Debby Webb Werle

Debby - October 25, 2017 at 01:34 PM

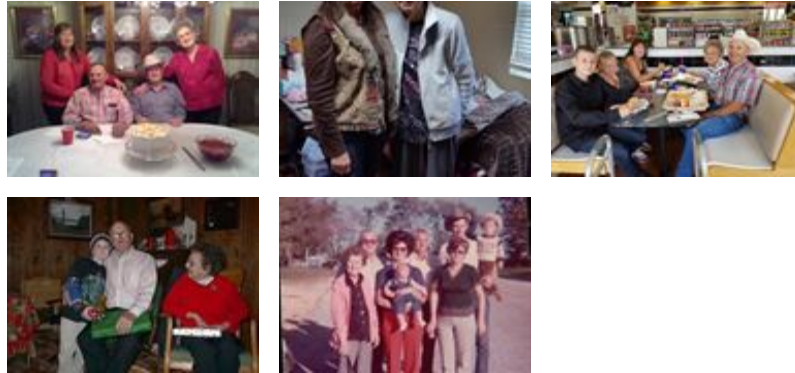
PR

Praying for the family. May God bless each of you. Thinking of you Lee.

Penny Draper Rice - October 25, 2017 at 05:10 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasson Funeral Home - October 25, 2017 at 11:41 AM

VS

“ *Marguerite will be missed forever! She was one of the sweetest people I have ever known in my life & glad to call her my friend! Our travels together brought much joy & laughter! May the Lord wrap his arms around the family during this difficult time! Love, Virginia Sizemore*

virginia Sizemore - October 25, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Marguerite blessed me every Sunday with her beautiful smile and joy-filled spirit! We will miss her and keep you all in our prayers. Our condolences to the family.*

Sue Daugherty

Susan Daugherty - October 25, 2017 at 09:26 AM

MM

“ We lived across the street from Marguerite on Kenwood Street for three years after we first got married. She was so dear to us. She always watched out for us and was there to loan this new wife a cup of sugar or whatever she needed! I will always treasure the visits we had in those years. We always kept in touch after we moved from the neighborhood through Christmas cards and seeing each other at church. For several years she even remembered our anniversary and would send a card. She was such wonderful lady and she will be missed. Praying for your family during this time.

Ted and Melinda Mathe

Melinda Mathe - October 24, 2017 at 09:45 PM

CN

“ Dear Lee & family,

Mike and I are praying for blessings of peace and comfort for your family during this time. What a precious woman.

Carolyn Hall Nuthman, Class of '66

Carolyn Nuthman - October 24, 2017 at 02:08 PM

JB

“ Marguerite was one of the first people that came and welcomed us at First Baptist Church. You could count every Sunday we would get to visit with them. We were very blessed to get to know them. We will keep you all in our prayers.

*Love,
Jon, Julie, Col, Casey, and Cade Burden*

julie burden - October 24, 2017 at 11:32 AM

DF

“ *Dallyn Dooley, Rhonda and Dennis Forehand purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Opal Marguerite McGhee Reed.*



Dallyn Dooley, Rhonda and Dennis Forehand - October 24, 2017 at 11:16 AM

CP

“ *Rusty, Mark and I were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Carie and Mark Pryor*

Carie McReynolds Pryor - October 24, 2017 at 11:14 AM

LC

Rusty, we are so sorry for the loss of your sweet Mother. She was a great lady. You, Kaye, Rusty and families are in our prayers, for comfort from our Lord Jesus Christ. I know you are looking forward to the happy reunion day. Robert & Louise (Ayling) Cradduck

Louise Cradduck - October 24, 2017 at 11:38 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Opal Marguerite McGhee Reed.*



October 24, 2017 at 09:17 AM

SH

“*Marguerite was a kind, gentle soul. Donn and I will always remember being with her and Uncle Albert at their home in Arkansas and at ours in Texas. She made a killer good coconut cake, brought it to the family reunion. When I told her how much I loved it, she told me she had another one at her house if I wanted it. So kind, so open, such a great aunt. She is missed. Blessings to the McGhee and Reed family, in your loss.*

Donn and Shirley Holsinger

shirley holsinger - October 24, 2017 at 09:12 AM

RB

“*I have so many memories of Marguerite. She was there for all those formative years and contributed much to my life. She always wanted the best for her children and those around them. Many memories of playing across the fence from Kays house to Connie's house. There were rules and we did follow them. There was music in their home, and hide and seek in the yard. We caught fireflies and she gave us jars to put them in. She and my Mom, Faye Highfill, were friends as well. Mom and Marguerite shared a lot of family time together. When the family moved to OK, thought that was the worst, but we still spent Sunday afternoon's together. It was wonderful when the family moved back to town, more time spent together. Church was always important, and we all attended regularly. Marguerite will be missed by so many of us.*

Rose Highfill Burrell - October 23, 2017 at 09:02 PM

JB

“*She was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. Prayers for peace and comfort for her family.*

Jeanne Moore Bentley - October 23, 2017 at 08:47 PM

Faithful people get into things
hard too.
Faithful people have been
overlooked too.
Faithful people have been abused
too.
Faithful people are misunderstood
too.
Faithful people experience loss
too.
Faithful people go through tragedy
too.
Faithful people could have excuses
to quit, they just refuse to use

“ *Special lady. She was always smiling at work. I know she will be missed.*

Ike Shelia Whitten Mcnutt - October 23, 2017 at 08:35 PM

BM

“ *I never saw her that she didn't have the most beautiful smile!
We will keep you all in our prayers.
Bill & Michal Montgomery*

Bill & Michal Montgomery - October 23, 2017 at 08:28 PM

TJ

“ *such a wonderful person, worked with her for several years, hard to find a more friendly or hard worker as she. I will miss her smiling face, she lit up her surroundings with that smile and personality.
God bless the family.*

Tim Jones - October 23, 2017 at 07:36 PM

JB

“ *Judy Riley Bradford lit a candle in memory of
Opal Marguerite McGhee Reed*



Judy Riley Bradford - October 23, 2017 at 06:38 PM

LR

“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Opal
Marguerite McGhee Reed*



Liz Reading - October 23, 2017 at 03:53 PM