



Anita Jeanette McKenney

July 16, 1931 - June 24, 2018

Anita Jeanette McKenney was born on July 16, 1931 in Bethesda, Arkansas to Elbert and Eunice McSpadden. She died on June 24, 2018 at home surrounded by family and friends. She graduated from Little Rock High School in 1948. Although she spent several of her teen years in Little Rock, she always considered Independence County her ancestral home, particularly Chinquapin and Bethesda. She spoke fondly of her memories of both her McSpadden and Latham kin that resided throughout these areas. She attended Harding College. Later she went to work at Southwestern Bell in Batesville and Searcy. In 1952 she met the love of her life, Frank McKenney in Batesville, Arkansas. They were married on October 3, 1953 in Searcy. They built a house, started a business that became McKenny Supply, and raised two children. She loved music and enjoyed nothing more than to raise her voice singing her praises to Jesus in church. The fact that her love of music was passed on to both her children was especially gratifying. She was preceded in death by her parents and her older sister, Kay McSpadden Dowdy. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 64 plus years, Frank McKenney, son Travis and daughter Sharon (Kenny) Hawk, and three wonderful grandchildren, Paige, Kyly and John Hawk. She also adored her nieces and nephews, George S. (Maureen) Dowdy, Mark (Sharon) Dowdy, Debbie (Scott) Kodhler and Karen (Mike) Williams. The family would like to thank the following who helped care for her and made her last few weeks comfortable, Ashley Yancey, Debbie Cullum, Caitlin O'Dell, Jamie Goslin and

Carolyn Bowman. In lieu of flowers, please give a generous donation to Alzheimer's Association and the Searcy Children's Home in her memory. Visitation will be at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy on Thursday June 28 starting at 6 with the service immediately following.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
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Memorial Service

JUN 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Anita Jeanette McKenney



Powell Funeral Home - June 27, 2018 at 04:41 PM

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“ Mr. Frank and Family; Ms. Anita truly was very special person to anyone whom she knew she was a friend and knew you any time she met you. She was fortunate to have such a man in her life as Frank McKenney. All our love Johnny & Mary Hodges

Johnny Hodges - June 27, 2018 at 09:55 AM

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“ I remember hearing Aunt 'Nita sing! My mom (her sister), used to say she could have sung professionally. She sure could have! She had a beautiful voice!

Debra Koehler (niece) - June 27, 2018 at 06:47 AM

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“ Mrs Anita was
Loved by many and I sure will
Miss this sassy lady!! Every day was a surprise with her she would
love you one minute then give you the stink eye the next.. She was
a exsample of what God wants his people to be like,full of love and
kindness and a love for her savior like no other. She would close
her eyes and listen to Amazing Grace every time I went to care for
her. Rest In Peace sweet lady you may be gone but never forgotten
and you were loved very much by all us girls that cared for you . Fly
high you have your wings now

Debbie Cullum - June 26, 2018 at 02:41 PM