



Erma Erwin

March 23, 2008

Erma Dean Hankins Erwin, known to all her friends as "Dean", entered heaven's gates on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008 at the age of 86. She leaves to cherish her memory, her beloved husband of 65 years, James Charles "Charlie" Erwin of Searcy; her daughter, Cindy Barker of Searcy; her son, Jim Erwin and his wife, Carolyn of Bryant; her sister, Sue Prince of Cabot; her three grandsons who adored her, Lt. Colonel David Evans and his wife, Andrea of Edmond, Oklahoma, Brian Evans and his wife, Jennifer of Atlanta, Georgia and Trey Erwin of Alexander; her great-grandchildren, Trace and Kennedy Evans of Edmond, Oklahoma; her dear niece, Debbie Prince Tanner of Cabot and nephew, Hank Simmons of Smackover. She was a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Searcy. Dean loved to cook for her family and friends and continued to make her homemade biscuits from scratch into her 80's. She spent most of her working career with J.C. Penney's in Searcy where she spread her sunshine to customers and associates alike, and later as the hostess at the Searcy Country Club where her husband served as manager. During her retirement years, she enjoyed working in her garden, making pecan pies from her own pecan trees and visiting with her grandchildren. Dean was born in Oil Trough, Arkansas, where her father was a farmer and community leader. She was a star basketball player at Oil Trough High School. After high school, she helped the war effort by working in an airplane factory in Wichita, Kansas and an ammunition factory in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Dean was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and

Faye Hankins; her brother, Edward "Judge" Hankins and her sister, Devona Simmons. The family wishes to thank the caring staff at Searcy Healthcare Center and White County Medical Center for their wonderful care and support this past year. Memorial gifts may be made in honor of Mrs. Erwin to the Sunshine School, PO Box 831, Searcy, AR. 72145.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.*

March 29, 2013 at 02:15 PM



“ *Jim & Carolyn,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. It sounds like your mom was a real loving lady that taught you to share and serve as you do today. I am sorry this is so late we have been out of town.
Love and prayers are lifted to Jesus today for you guys. Love you both for all you do and all you are.....
Mike and Ladonna Ignatiuk*

March 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with all of you during your time of loss. Dean was such a great lady. I loved her so much. Remeber, she is gone but notforgotten and one you will all be together again. Laura Bradley Linn*

March 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim and Carolyn*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.
We are sorry we couldn't be there.
We love you and pray for peace and comfort for your entire family.
Randy and Joyce Jones*

March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My mother, Evelyn Bowen, and Dean worked together at J.C. Penney's for several years. Mother loved Dean and often spoke of how kind and pleasant she was to work with. May The Lord grant you peace and comfort during your time of sorrow.*

March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Try to remember that she will always be alive in your hearts and memories and draw comfort from knowing that she is in a better place now. I didn't know Dean well, but the times I was around her she was always kind, generous and loving. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Karen Sturm Mode*

March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM