



## Evelyn Belle Waller

August 26, 1927 - October 3, 2023

Evelyn Belle Waller, 96, of Bald Knob, Arkansas went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at her home.

She was born August 26, 1927 in Bald Knob, the daughter of James and Naomia McGowan.

Evelyn was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She retired from General Industries after 41 years of employment. Evelyn was a devoted member of the Liberty Valley Missionary Baptist Church for more than 70 years. She enjoyed cooking and was known for having the “Best Fried Chicken”. Evelyn’s family was most important to her and she loved hosting big family gatherings. She will be missed by all those honored to know her.

She is survived by three children, Margie (Wayne) Sewell of Texarkana, Arkansas, Glenda (Melvin) Watkins of Judsonia, Arkansas, and James (Virgina) Waller of Parrish, Florida; her sister, Jo Stross of Farmington, Arkansas; six grandchildren, Brian (Micki) Sewell, Steven (Jamie) Sewell, Jeff (Stephanie) Watkins, Jessica (Donnie) Martin, Mark Waller, and Joshua (Nicole) Waller; five great grandchildren, Bethani Sewell, Ashley (Brandon) Moss, Emily (Hunter) Naramore, Paige Martin, and Chase Martin. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie Waller.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob, Arkansas with Brother Mark Collins

and Steven Sewell officiating. Visitation will be held prior to services beginning at 1:00 P.M. Interment will be in the Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob, Arkansas.

Funeral Services are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia.

[www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road  
Bald Knob, AR 72010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)  
1272 Highway 367 North  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn Belle Waller



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 06, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Belle Waller.



October 06, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Belle Waller.

October 06, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Belle Waller.



October 06, 2023 at 10:27 AM

“ I came to know the Waller family when my own family moved to Liberty Valley in 1963. Evelyn and her husband, Jessie, were foundational and active members of the Liberty Valley Missionary Church which was central to the farm community in which Evelyn was raised. She remained a life long anchor in community and church until her passing. We became acquainted when she invited me to sing with her children for a Sunday morning radio worship service sponsored by affiliated churches. I was immediately impressed with Evelyn’s confidence and organizational skills. She hosted many church services in her home during building renovations, held down a full time job at a local factory, maintained an orderly household with 3 teenagers and provided care to her aging parents in their home so they could remain independent until their passing. She knew how to manage her household and delegate to her children- I never heard one of them argue or complain. Evelyn did not ask, she directed. There was not much grey area in the way she thought or lived. Her tone was firm but not angry, loud, or disrespectful. For Evelyn, precision and organization were her friend. Her personal style was perfectly coiffed hair and classic tailored style. She was a pretty woman, neat and trim, who always looked put together well. There was no coquettish manipulation in her demeanor. She took life’s responsibilities seriously. She was bold, independent, and confident in her mannerisms and beliefs tempered with good manners and strong core values. She spoke her truth as she saw it. She conveyed a strong love for her family and community through actions of loyalty and service. She could indulge humor with a sparkle laugh and satisfied smile that revealed a warmth of spirit underneath an extraordinary work ethic. Her vice was speed- she drove the gravel roads fast! She was good natured and properly dismissive of anybody who tried to scold her or made joke comments about it. The only time I saw a sense of vulnerability was when she played her guitar for Jessie on Sunday afternoons. I appreciate the permission she gave by example to be a strong and bold woman if accompanied with good values. My husband, Phillip, recalls with fondness sharing childhood in the Valley with the Waller kids. His

*fondest Christmas memory is when their families spent the day together and they all received bicycles. We spend decades putting together a puzzle we call life. Evelyn and Jessie- for us they came as a pair- are a treasured piece of our own puzzle. With Evelyn's passing that space is empty not to be filled again on this side of eternity. But, we know in the sacred puzzle of heaven a space has been filled. To Margie, Glenda , James and their families, we send our deepest condolences and enduring love. Phillip and Marcheta*

**Phillip and Marcheta Goodin** - October 05, 2023 at 04:04 PM

LS

“ Love, Wayne and Josie Skow purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Evelyn Belle Waller.



**Love, Wayne and Josie Skow** - October 05, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Belle Waller.

October 05, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evelyn Belle Waller.



October 05, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JH

“ Family of Ms. Betty, I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Betty for quite some time at General Industries and always enjoyed visiting with her at her workstation. She was most congenial and never did i hear her complain. Johnny Hodges

Johnny Hodges - October 05, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn Belle Waller.



October 05, 2023 at 07:32 AM

BC

“ I always admired my aunt Evelyn. She was a strong woman who believed in God and family. Prayers for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as they go through this difficult time. We love you, Joyce and Joshua McGowan.

Betty J Cobb - October 04, 2023 at 08:39 PM

BJ

“ Betty J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Belle Waller.

Betty J. - October 04, 2023 at 08:28 PM