



Gwyn Oakes

May 21, 1934 - January 27, 2018

Rev. Gwyn Dona Crain Oakes was born May 21, 1934 on Russell Mountain, near Bald Knob, Arkansas to Vernon and Mabel (McGuire) Crain. At age 19, she moved to Michigan to work in a factory. She became an active part of her local church. She and a young man in the church, L.G. Oakes, were married on April 19, 1956 in Benton Heights, Michigan. While in Michigan their four children were born. She began her art career as an Oil Colorist. In 1968, after L.G. received his call into the ministry, the family moved to Arkansas to pastor the Church of Jesus Christ in Higgenon, Arkansas. While attending there, Gwyn received her call into the ministry. In 1970, the family moved to Bald Knob to establish the Church of Jesus Christ on Russell Mountain Road, which later became the United Pentecostal Church of Bald Knob, Arkansas. While pastoring in Bald Knob, Gwyn and L.G. pursued many interests. They both became Juvenile Probation Officers for White County, they established Sizzlin' Catfish restaurant in Searcy, later moving it to Bald Knob. She worked various sales positions traveling across Arkansas and the United States. Gwyn and L.G. worked together in various departments of the Arkansas District of the United Pentecostal Church, Int'l. Gwyn served for 20 years as Ladies Auxiliary President for Arkansas. She was elected in 1994 to serve as International Ladies Auxiliary President for the United Pentecostal Church and served for 22 years. While she was in that position, the department name and focus were changed to Ladies Ministries of the UPCI. Gwyn passed away peacefully on January 27, 2018. She is preceded in death by her parents;

her brothers, Avo, O.V., Cleo, Aulton, and Austin; two step-mothers, Ruby Phillips Crain and Margie Frame Crain; her husband, L.G. and son, David. She is survived by her children: Charlotte (Charles) Haley of McRae, Leah (Steven) Seagraves of SeaTac, Washington, and Matthew (Rachel Riggs) Oakes of Ward; her siblings: Thelma Martin [Bald Knob], Jerry [Bradford], Glen, Donna, and Edith [California]. She has 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends who loved her dearly. Services will be held at Revival Church, 1000 N. Maple, Searcy, Friday, February 2. Viewing is 4-6pm, Celebration of Life begins at 6pm. Her burial will be at 1pm on Saturday at Carter Cemetery in Russell.

Cemetery Details

Carter Cemetery

Russell, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Revival Church
Hwy 16
Searcy, AR 72143

Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

Revival Church
Hwy 16
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gwyn Oakes



Powell Funeral Home - February 10, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwyn Oakes.



February 02, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gwyn Oakes.



February 01, 2018 at 01:35 PM

RT

“ *Rev and Mrs Travis Sheppard Millington, TN purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gwyn Oakes.*



Rev and Mrs Travis Sheppard Millington, TN - February 01, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gwyn Oakes.*



February 01, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwyn Oakes.*



February 01, 2018 at 09:36 AM

VC

“ *Vicki Crossman lit a candle in memory of Gwyn Oakes*



Vicki crossman - January 31, 2018 at 08:28 PM

VC

“ Vicki Crossman Cannon lit a candle in memory of Gwyn Oakes




Vicki crossman cannon - January 31, 2018 at 08:27 PM

PB

“ Sister Oakes was a very special friend. In 1980 while on deputation we were at their church and had dinner in their home. She was working on painting some black and white wedding pictures. I was so expressed and very pleased when she ask if she could paint our wedding pictures. I sent her 2 of out 8/10s and she worked her magic. She had the sweetest outgoing spirit! Our prayers are with you.

Bro.&Sis Dennis Burgess

Patty Burgess - January 31, 2018 at 05:03 PM

 Taylor Campbell

“ Sis. Oakes was the most kind, God-fearing, annointed I ever had the privilege of knowing. From growing up in their church, accepting my call to the ministry, and the dedication of my daughter she was more than a friend, she was my Godly mother. I am sorry for this families loss. My heart is breaking. I love you Oakes family.

Taylor Campbell - January 31, 2018 at 03:30 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



brenda bowley - January 30, 2018 at 09:47 PM

DT

“ *To the Oakes Family ... our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. We so enjoyed getting to know both Bro. and Sis. Oakes in the Harvestime Booth. May you feel God's loving arms holding you at this time. Dan and Melonee Thompson (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)*



Dan and Melonee Thompson - January 29, 2018 at 04:23 PM

SJ

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Sherri Jones Johnson - January 29, 2018 at 12:55 PM

MG

“ *Mary GRIFFITH lit a candle in memory of Gwyn Oakes*



Mary GRIFFITH - January 29, 2018 at 06:25 AM

TP

“ *Terri Pate lit a candle in memory of Gwyn Oakes*



Terri Pate - January 28, 2018 at 12:52 AM