



Julia Ann Ernest

February 22, 1920 - January 3, 2009

Julia Ann Ross Ernest, 88, passed away Saturday afternoon, January 3rd, 2009, at home in Searcy, Arkansas. She was born February 22nd, 1920, in McRae, Arkansas, to Columbus Dee and Sidney Exum Ross.

She is survived by two daughters and one son and their families, Rebecca Ann Ernest Gross and husband, William, of Searcy; Deborah Lewis Ernest Webb and husband, Greg, of Searcy; and Robert Stanley Ernest and wife, Donna, of Batesville. She is also survived by five grandchildren and their families, William Wesley Gross and wife, Shelly, of Searcy; Rebecca Leigh Gross Hite and husband, Clay, of Searcy; Deborah Corrie Webb Perry and husband, Terry of Beebe; Joshua Alan Webb of North Little Rock, and Julia JoAnne Webb of Searcy and one step-grandchild, Aaron Hutsell of Springfield, Missouri.

Also surviving are 7 great-grandchildren, Hannah, Ross and Logan Hite, and Madalyn and Libby Gross, all of Searcy, Cayden and Avery Perry of Beebe and many good friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Lester Lewis Ernest; one son, Ross Lewis Ernest; 4 sisters, Olga Vandiver, Exum Daniel, Norma Bajorsky and Jimmie Ross, and her parents.

Julia Ernest was a loving Mother, Homemaker, and United Methodist Pastor's Wife, having served with her husband at charges in Griffithville, Moorefield-Southside, Grace (in Searcy), Rector, and Hazel Edwards Memorial (in Newark). She was a charter member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Searcy, the United Methodist Women, and the Wesley Sunday School Class, which she often taught.

Tribute Wall



“ *What a Special Lady!!! She always had a smile and always made me smile (or laugh).
I will always remember the many years of doing her hair in the beauty shop, then as I changed jobs and later started working with the 'Senior Citizens' at our bank, escorting them on many trips, Mrs. Ernest was again a part of my life, and oh so much fun we had as we traveled on that bus those many miles. What a Blessing she was to know and be with. I will always remember her wit and her smile.*
Mary Harris

February 10, 2016 at 07:15 PM



“ *We know where she is and that she is smiling on us, but that doesn't keep us from missing her and being sad.*

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“ *Debbie & Family,
I remember what a sweet, loving person your mother was from my days in the Lassies. I know that you miss her, but are comforted by knowing that she is in the presence of our Lord.*

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“ We loved your mom and dad. They (all of you) were such an large part of our lives. She had such a good sense of humor, like you girls! I remember her sweet, soft voice so well. I was always so envious of the clothes she made you and I remember one dress Becky, in particular. It was navy blue with lime green on it, and I thought that was so young & cool that she came up with that! When our parents are both gone it's a sad time and things really change. We know they are happy though.

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“ Aunt Julia was a wonderful person who loved everyone and all life had to offer. She was always trying to find ways to help everyone around her achieve their goals and be happy with life themselves. She was a beautiful lady and a beautiful person to be around. Anyone who had the privilege to know her was truly blessed!

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“ *May God give you the guidance to get through this difficult time.*

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