



Mary Ernestine "Tene" McGiboney

December 28, 1930 - September 11, 2023

Mary Ernestine "Tene" McGiboney, 92, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 11, 2023. Ernestine was born December 28, 1930, the first of twelve children born to J.N. and Mary Eunice (Story) Hamilton. She grew up on the family homestead between West Point and Griffithville where her rural American values, work ethic and willingness to help others grew strong.

After graduating from West Point High School in 1948, she moved to Searcy and later married Frank O. McGiboney, on April 30, 1955. Frank and Ernestine spent fifty-five faithful years together raising five children, they always considered to be their greatest accomplishment in life.

Ernestine enjoyed a 45-year career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Starting out, her people skills were an asset as a friendly switch band operator (oh, the stories she could tell...). Her sharp mind and reliable work experience made her a great fit as a drafting clerk in the engineering department until her retirement in 1991.

Ernestine was a proud and faithful member of Searcy First United Methodist Church. She was treasurer of the Murray Sunday School class, a member of the United Methodist Women and a dedicated member of The Thrift Shop. With her uncanny kitchen skills, she was always a popular contributor to the

annual bake sales. She always treasured the special friendships she formed with other UMW members such as Peggy Burkett, Susan Hall and Karen Millar, to name a few. Retired FUMC minister David Orr considered Ernestine a “remarkable saint of Searcy United Methodism,” upon hearing of her death. She made everyone feel cherished and included.

Preceding her in death, her husband, Frank O. McGiboney; brothers, David Hamilton, Macky Hamilton and Jimmy Hamilton; and sisters, Lou Hubach and Ann Rogers.

Left to cherish her memory are her five children; Mary (Steve) Reynolds of McKinney, Texas, Alice (Paul) Weeks of Mc Rae, AR, Sheila (Jonathan) Annable of Conway, AR, James “Bud” McGiboney of McMinnville, TN, Brenda (Tim) Killough of Searcy, AR; thirteen wonderful grandchildren, Caitlin (Geoff) Giaque, Megan (Brent) Farris, Alan Reynolds, William Weeks, David (Brooke) Weeks, John Weeks, Sam (Suzanne) Annable, Lindsey (Trey) Mardis, Mason (Elizabeth) McGiboney, Avery McGiboney, Dr. Tori Opalecky, Mary Julia Killough, and Luke Hamilton Killough. Great grands include Mary Kathryn and Travis Giaque, Barrett and Bryson Farris, Jameson Weeks, Bolton and Kaius Annable, Brooklyn Mardis, Ryan and Blake McGiboney. Siblings are Alice Barker, Martha Crigger, Jackie Bordelon, Jane Manasco, Nicky Hamilton, and Gary Hamilton. As well as a host of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Oakdale Nursing Facility and Elite Hospice. Also, her special caregivers, Judy Davis, and Connie Smith with Southern Caregivers.

Visitation will be at 9:00am with service to follow at 10:00am, on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Searcy First Methodist Church. Burial will follow at White County Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be sent to The Sunshine School, 901 Airport Loop, Searcy, AR 72143 or Jacob's Place 2104 West Beebe-Capps Expressway, Searcy, AR 72143.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
304 North Main Street
Searcy , AR 72143

Funeral Service

SEP 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
304 North Main Street
Searcy , AR 72143

Interment

SEP 14 (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens
Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ernestine "Tene" McGiboney



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 15, 2023 at 12:24 PM

DB

“ The McRae Methodist Church family would like to extend our sincere prayers and sympathy to all the families during this sad time and we ask our Lord to send peace, courage, strength into all hearts suffering this loss of a loved one. God bless you all and our church members, Paul and Alice Weeks.

Darcy Baxley - September 14, 2023 at 01:36 PM

HB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Hilda B Booth - September 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM

NM

“ Praying for your family and my deepest condolences.

Nathan Murray - September 14, 2023 at 09:01 AM

LA

“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire family. She is a fine lady. She will be missed, but memories remain. Linda Annable

Linda Annable - September 13, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ernestine "Tene" McGiboney.



September 13, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Ernestine "Tene" McGiboney.



September 13, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Ernestine "Tene" McGiboney.



September 12, 2023 at 10:29 PM

CC

“ Prayers for your family, Sheila.



Connee Collins - September 12, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Ernestine "Tene" McGiboney.



September 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM

FO

“ I've missed Ernestine as my neighbor for sometime now. Our little neighborhood has never been the same. I miss her calm advice, support, friendship, and great stories! My sincere condolences to each family member she loved so dearly.



Fonda - September 12, 2023 at 06:55 PM