



## MaryAnn Helen St. Amant

January 10, 1929 - July 14, 2019

MaryAnn Helen (Ruelle) Hooker St. Amant, 90, of Olive Branch, MS passed from this life on Sunday, July 14th, 2019. She was born January 10th, 1929 in River Rouge, MI daughter of the late William and Isabella Ruelle. MaryAnn and her late husband Donald St. Amant moved from Michigan to Heber Springs, AR where she lived for 36 years before moving to Olive Branch, MS. MaryAnn was a homemaker, loving mother, grandmother and wife. She dedicated her life to taking care of her family and home. She was a great cook and loved to feed her family and friends. If you came to her house you were never going to leave hungry. She just wouldn't allow it. MaryAnn loved dancing to big band music, playing bingo and pinochle. Widowed twice to two World War II veterans she was a member of the VFW Post 3543, American Legion SQDN #0064 and served on the ladies auxiliary. MaryAnn had a lifelong strong faith in God.

She is survived by two sons Michael (Sheryl) Hooker and Thomas (Jennifer) Hooker; three daughters Jeannine (Stan) Lincoln, Donna (Tracy) Orpin and Lori (Don) Fortner; two stepsons Don (Crystal) St. Amant and David (Eve) St. Amant; three stepdaughters Marlene Mott, Kathryn (Richard) Coppens, Nancy (Shawn) Roof; one brother David Ruelle; ten grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; eighteen step grandchildren; fourteen step great grandchildren and one step great great grandchild.

Proceeded in death by husband Gerald William Hooker of 25 years and Donald Felix St. Amant of 25 years; one daughter Susanne Hooker; two

sisters Catherine Lozon and Dorothy Behrendt; two brothers Russell Ruelle and William Ruelle III and one stepson Daniel St. Amant.

Visitation is Friday, July 19th 2019 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy, AR.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 20th 2019 at 2pm at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Searcy, AR with the Reverend Neil Vanderbush officiating.

Interment will follow at the Cleburne County Memorial Gardens in Heber Springs, AR.

Pallbearers will be Michael Hooker, Thomas Hooker, Brian Lincoln, Justin Redd, Don Fortner, Tracy Orpin and honorary Stan Lincoln.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church of Searcy, AR.

# Cemetery Details

## Cleburn County Memorial Garden

8701 Hwy 110 W.  
Heber Springs, AR 72543

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **19.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

JUL **20.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
2610 S. Main Street  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall

LO

“ Grandma will always be remembered as the sweet and caring Grandma that she was. she loved listening to me play the piano and i enjoyed playing for her. I always looked forward to visiting Grandma and watching wheel of fortune with her every night it was on and enjoyed her company. I remember when Grandma and Grandpa Don would take me and my sister to the lake in Heber when we were little and let us watch our favorite shows before bed when we stayed there on weekends. I remember when Grandma gave me the letter Grandpa had written me. He told me to never lose my magic and he always schemed a way to come see me because it brought him magic. I believe that Grandma will never loose her magic in each and every one of us that she shared as she takes her magic with her to a better place too. I will miss her very much, but we will always remember the magic she brought to us and always be the sweetest Grandma in all of our hearts as we know her. She is now in a better and peaceful place. She will be dearly missed.



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Lynelle Orpin - July 20, 2019 at 10:15 AM

KW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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Kim Behrendt Wilkerson - July 19, 2019 at 11:33 AM

KW

*I love this picture, and I thought I'd share it with you all. Aunt MaryAnn was beautiful, sweet and funny. We loved every visit with her, and we'll miss her very much. Praying for you all.*

**Kim Behrendt Wilkerson** - July 19, 2019 at 12:46 PM

LO

“ *Grandma was always ready to share her stories about her younger years and her love for dancing. She always spoke of how large the family was and that they would hold dances in their living rooms for entertainment, usually square dancing. She would also reminisce about the fun she had dancing with her friends aboard the Bablo boat SS Ste. Claire. Later in life she would have the opportunity to enjoy dancing at her friends, children, and grandchildren's weddings. She is now dancing in heaven.*

**Lisa Orpin** - July 18, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Helen St. Amant.*



July 18, 2019 at 01:44 PM

WV

“ *Wanda Owsley & Pat Vandercook purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MaryAnn Helen St. Amant.*



**Wanda Owsley & Pat Vandercook** - July 18, 2019 at 01:40 PM

TF

“ *The Hurd family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of MaryAnn Helen St. Amant.*



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**The Hurd family** - July 18, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Helen St. Amant.*



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July 18, 2019 at 12:31 PM

AB

“ *I was only around your sweet grandmother a few times but I know you will miss her so much. My prayers for you and your family in the coming days, months and years. Hugs and love.*

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**Anita Brown** - July 18, 2019 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Mary Ann was a wonderful friend and neighbor. She was always there if needed with love and kindness. Little did we know in early friendship her daughter and my stepson would marry. She will be missed and remembered with love. My sympathy to the family.*

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**Nancy Orpin** - July 18, 2019 at 08:43 AM

WF

“ With Love, Your MAHLE Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of MaryAnn Helen St. Amant.



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**With Love, Your MAHLE Family** - July 18, 2019 at 08:08 AM

MM

“ My childhood memories would have never been the same without Aunt MaryAnn and Uncle Don in them. Walking to their house with my dog Sandy and spending time on their deck with the neighborhood dogs or playing downstairs with the bean bag toss game, and of course, Aunt MaryAnn's sweet laugh and happy demeanor...she was so good to me. I loved spending time at that house, and she will be dearly missed! :( My heart goes out to the whole family...love, hugs, and prayers for all of you. <3

Love,

Meredith (Orpin) Blevins

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**Meredith Moseley** - July 17, 2019 at 10:55 PM

KC

“ Maryann was a kind and gentle soul unless you didn't eat. There was no way you were going to leave her home hungry. She would cook the most wonderful smelling meal and put it in front of you. You can't refuse. I think I was about 12 when my father married Maryann. She was always sweet and kind to me. I will never forget her and will always think of her fondly. She made the world a better place.

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**kathy coppens** - July 17, 2019 at 09:35 PM