



Maxine Lendermon

September 25, 1926 - May 9, 2012

Maxine Juanita Smith Lendermon, 85, of Searcy, formerly of West Memphis, died

Wednesday, May 9, 2012. She was born September 25, 1926, the daughter of Charles Smith and Ida Dixon Smith.

Mrs. Lendermon served her country during WWII working as a women's ordnance worker (WOW) in the Jacksonville, AR ordnance plant manufacturing detonators, fuses, primers and bombs.

She later earned a cosmetology degree and operated her own salon in West Memphis. She was an avid gardener and practiced her passion by volunteering her skills in floral arrangements for Valley Baptist Church in Searcy where she was a member for 22 years. A devoted volunteer, she gave her time to many especially Byrd Haven Nursing Home in Searcy. In her later years she loved to spend her days painting with her daughters and family members. Her greatest gift was being a loving Christian wife and mother to three children who adore her.

Mrs. Lendermon is survived by her two daughters, Diane Brasell and her

husband Bert of Bartlett, Tennessee and Judy Coon and her husband Billy of Memphis, Tennessee a son, Gary Lendermon and his wife, Martha of Collierville,

Tennessee; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, William Henry Lendermon, five sisters, Fern, Charlene, Goldie, Frances, and Gertrude and three brothers, Wilbur, Chester and Frank, precede her in death.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Mee-Ma was the best cook in the world as far as I am concerned. I loved her dumplings (as did everyone) so one day I decided to ask Mee-Ma if she would teach me her dumpling recipe. I explained to her that I would need to write down every little thing she did and she was so happy to show me. But she did one better - she let me cook the dumplings! She showed so much patience, kindness and encouragement as she always did. And I think, even though I added an unnecessary extra can of pet milk to the batch that everyone enjoyed them that night. That was a special day for me - Mee Ma even gave me her own rolling pin and I'm happy to say that well over 10 years later I still have what I call "the sacred parchment" of Mee Ma's dumpling recipe that I fix and always will whenever I want to smell that wonderful cooking smell that will always remind me of my wonderful grandmother. I'm so happy that you touched the face of God Wednesday and you are again with Pa Pa!

Joseph Lendermon - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

KR

“ Maxine was one special little lady!!

Kim Rupard - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

LB

“ She has been a very dear friend of my family my entire life. I am sad to hear of her passing. But I know that Joy Comes in the morning for all that have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour as I know she and William both did along with her sister (my Aunt Charlene.) She was a sweet and wonderful person and will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

Linda Griffin bass - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

MK

“ Diane, Judy and Gary,
I want to wrap my arms around each of you to as you greive the home-going of Maxine. Now she is with Bill again. I have so many fond memories of your mom and as I continue to live in your house I often recall sweet memories of Maxine cutting my hair and even cutting my Stacy's hair. She was a sweet and caring individual who always had a smile. You were blessed to have parents like Bill and Maxine. My love to each of you.
mary kelly

Mary Kelly - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

SB

“ Gary, Sorry for your loss as Ms. Lendermon was very kind to me as we would sound off your stereo to Grand Funk Railroad and I never ever remember her telling us to turn that down !! Also the many nights we stayed up all night talking about girls and life in general as we look back now those were great times Brother!! Much love to you and your Family Gary.

Scotty Billings - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

AB

“ To all of the family

I am blessed to have shared many wonderful childhood memories with Ms. Maxine & family. May you each find peace in your darkest hours with your own special memories & the joy of knowing that you will see her again in Heaven.

Arlene Griffin Belin - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

JE

“ --Everett & Willie

james evans - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM