



Montine Whitley

December 4, 1923 - January 9, 2011

Montine Richards Whitley, age 87, of Bald Knob, Arkansas went to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 9, 2011.

Montine was born December 4, 1923 in Bald Knob, Arkansas, the daughter of Willie and Clarice Richards. She graduated from Bald Knob High School where she was the first football Homecoming Queen in 1940. She attended Harding College. Montine was a member of a singing group, Ten Little Maids, that entertained troops preparing for World War II. On January 1, 1950, she married W. C. Whitley, Jr. They have four children, who feel blessed to have had her for a mother. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. She enjoyed playing golf and bridge.

Loved for her sweet and gentle spirit and caring heart, Montine was happiest when she was with her family and friends. Her cherished role as wife, mother and grandmother was her greatest joy. She found her quiet strength in her relationship with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Winfred and Weldon Richards. She is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years whom she loved dearly; her son, Billy Whitley and wife, Kelly, of Bald Knob, granddaughters, Kristen Richardson and her husband Justin, great-granddaughter Izzy and Kayla Whitley; her daughter, Debbie Hill and husband, Tom, of Little Rock, granddaughters, Sarah Hill, Anna Hill, Elizabeth Hill and Mary Claire Hill; her daughter, Susan Cox and husband, Richard, of Hot Springs, grandson, Whit Cox, and granddaughters, Laura Cox and Rebecca Cox; her son, Rick Whitley of Little Rock, granddaughter, Alexis Whitley and grandson, Brett Whitley; and her much-loved twin sister, Geraldine Jameson of Bald Knob.

Visitation is 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesday at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. Funeral Service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist of Bald Knob with burial at Shady Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist of Bald Knob. Please sign the guestbook at www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear W.C, Debbie, Billy, Susan and Ricky: I was so sad to hear of your mom's passing. She was always such a sweet, kind and fun person to be around. She was a big part of my life during my childhood...many, many memories are held in my heart for all of you. I love her and always loved being w/all of you....so much laughter and love in your home. Debbie, I will be in touch very soon. God Bless all of you.. Love, Valerie

January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Richards-Whitley families:
My sincere condolences to all of you. Montine was my mother's (Helen (Waller) Gray) cousin. Over the years she was a source of love and fun when we had a chance to get together for family events. I always thought she was a beautiful and fascinating woman. I will be thinking of and praying for you to have the strength and comfort that only God can provide.
Claudine Moss

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Rick & Family -
Just wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and our prayers are with you during this hard time. This is never easy and I pray you will find comfort knowing you had such a great mother for so many years.

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart is sad for the entire Whitley family. I was priviledged to have her as my mother-in-law. The grace in which she loved the Lord and her family is admirable. What an awesome legacy that she's gifted to my children, as well as the other surviving family members.
My deepest sympathy. Teresa

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Rick & Family, It's never easy to lose someone you love. It's especially hard to lose a parent but it comes to all of us. She's in a better place now. Hope that thought gives you comfort. We'll be praying for you all.
Missy & Ken Johnston & family

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Whitley & Richards family, I have many fond memories of mother's cousin, Montine & her family from my childhood. Montine looked perfection and always wore that beautiful smile. My prayers are with you all at this time that God will bless you. Dana Gray Poteat

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Debbie, I was so sorry to read about your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the days to come.

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Susan & family, I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ W.C. and family, Please know that we are thinking about you during this time. Montine was such a great lady and she will be missed. Our prayers will be with you and your family.

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless the Whitley family during this difficult time. Mrs. Whitley will be greatly missed by this community and we pray for comfort and understanding for your family.
Your friends at Powell Funeral Home

January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and give you peace. Much love to all.*

January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Praying God's peace for the Whitley family, and sharing in your loss with sympathy and love. May our Great God continue to hold you especially close and bring your hearts quiet comfort.*

January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM