



Odean Saunders

August 30, 1930 - September 5, 2022

Odean Saunders was born on August 30, 1922 and celebrated her 100th birthday last Tuesday, a lifelong resident of the Searcy area. She passed away peacefully on Labor Day, Sept 5, 2022.

She was pre-deceased by her husband Paul Uldric Saunders; her mother and father, Bertha West & James Arthur Hays; her brother, J. B. Hays; and grandparents, James B. & Ethel West, and Julian & Julie Hays.

She is survived by her two sons, James Paul and Gerald Wayne Saunders and their wives, Carletta and Karlette; five grandchildren, Debbie (Danny) Grace, Stephen Saunders, Sean (Deanna) Saunders, Kevin (Alyssa) Saunders and Scott (Sarah) Saunders; and eight great grandchildren – Hunter, Drake, Allie, Nick, Zach, Drew, Sierra and Toby.

She completed the 10th grade in Gravel Hill, marrying at the young age of 17 and beginning a family. She spent 31 years in the workforce, including the three decades that she and Paul owned the Dixie Cream Donut Shop in Searcy, where they made thousands of the best donuts and Karo-nut, apple, chocolate and cherry pies in Arkansas, most always sold out by 10 a.m. As a child of the Great Depression, she approached life with amazing practicality, though had a soft spot always for the color purple, nail polish, her weekly hair appointment, and strawberry shortcake.

Odean was a member of Temple Baptist Church and never missed a church trip or a bingo game. She had many friends. Please join us to honor her life on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., at Powell Funeral Home , 2602 West Beebe-Capps, Searcy, AR.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Temple Baptist Church, 700 West Moore Ave, 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

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 2:30 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
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Tribute Wall



“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Odean Saunders*



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 10, 2022 at 03:45 PM

TC

“ *Please know that her church family at Temple Baptist Church has been in prayer for Your Family.*

Temple Baptist Church - September 11, 2022 at 01:19 PM

AD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you all, your mother was a very kind and sweet lady, she always greeted us with a smile, we enjoyed the times we visited together. Keeping you all in our hearts. Anita and Gary Duncan*

Anita Duncan - September 09, 2022 at 01:56 PM

LT

“ *Sorry to hear of Odean's passing. May you find comfort in knowing she leaves behind a legacy of honor. Our deepest sympathy for your loss.*
Larry and Carolyn Turley

Larry and Carolyn Turley - September 09, 2022 at 03:01 AM

LT

“ *Larry And Carolyn Turley lit a candle in memory of Odean Saunders*



Larry and Carolyn Turley - September 09, 2022 at 02:39 AM

SH

“ *She was a very precious lady and has left beautiful memories. My deepest sympathy for your loss. Sharon Hudson*

Sharon Hudson - September 08, 2022 at 09:39 AM

GD

“ *Gary And Anita Duncan lit a candle in memory of Odean Saunders*



Gary and Anita Duncan - September 08, 2022 at 09:09 AM

WN

“ *Sorry to hear of Odean's passing. My prayers for all of the Saunders family for peace and comfort during this sad time. My love to all, Wendell Nier*

Wendell Nier - September 06, 2022 at 05:26 PM