



## Rita Hudgins

April 15, 1936 - April 4, 2013

Rita Hudgins, 76, of Ottawa, Illinois passed away April 4, 2013 at her home in Ottawa.

Rita was born April 15, 1936 in Luxora, Arkansas to Emery and Lelar (Gay) Fowler. Her birth mother, Lelar, passed away when Rita was an infant. Rita's older sister, Judy Chumley, raised her as her own. She married Joseph Dean Hudgins on February 11, 1955 in Luxora. She was a Special Education teacher's aide for 15 years.

She was a founding member of Gateway Baptist Church in Judsonia. She loved to quilt, sew and plant flowers.

She is survived by four daughters, Judy ( Charles Bruce) Jones, Nita (Robert) Friedle, Diana (Charlie) Hillaker and Ramona (Jimmy) McCorkle, all of Ottawa; sixteen grandchildren; nineteen great- grandchildren; four sisters, Mildred (Irwin) Barger of Benton, Dean (Frank) Philyaw of Earl, Jean(J.D.) Pennington of Judsonia, and Linda (Joe) Moreno of LaVerne, CA; three brothers, Ronald (Lois) Chumley of Judsonia, Donald ( Anjileque) Chumley of Westville, OK and Jerry (Lana) Chumley of Pangburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Joe on September 14, 2012.

Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at the Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. Burial will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Floral.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, before the services.

Memorials may be made in honor of Ms. Hudgins to the Alzheimer's

Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart is with you are your family..I will never forget my time with Rita, we learned so much from each other, she was a VERY VERY special Lady,love Joni*

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“ *Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Jean*

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“ *I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR MOM, I THINK SHE LOOKED A LOT LIKE YOU JUDY.  
LOVE AND PRAYERS,  
LOVE JUDI*

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