



## Welcie Wunningham

March 21, 1921 - February 4, 2011

Welcie Wunningham, 89, of Bradford, died Friday, February 4, 2011 in Searcy. She was born March 21, 1921 in Cave City a daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Smith Whitener. Welcie was a homemaker, a retired cafeteria worker at Pleasant Plains Schools and a member of the Independence Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends and was an avid quilter.

She is survived by her sons, David Wunningham of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Tom Wunningham of Bradford and Mike Wunningham of Los Angeles, California; daughters, Ann Iwen of Bella Vista and Nancy Trattler of Mudgeeraba, Australia; brother-in-law, James Wunningham; 14 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Wunningham; son, Lloyd "Bud" Wunningham, Jr.; brother, Arthur Whitener; sisters; Robbie Sherrill, Imogene Benoit and Evelyn Payne.

Services will be held Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Independence Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation will precede the funeral service, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Goad Cemetery by Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Tom, Mike & Family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. The good memories will live on and others will fade. Johnny & Mary Hodges

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**Johnny & Mary Hodges** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

CL

“ I will miss Grandma so much, I remember all the fun times my brother Mickey Rat and I had at the farm and going to school in Pleasant Plains with her. She was a shining light in so many lives.

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**Cheryl Looser** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

FL

“ Cheryl and I made the trip to Searcy to visit Grandma just this past weekend Jan 29th and 30th. Out of nowhere something told me that I should take Cheryl to see grandma that weekend or we would not have another chance. Thank God we were able to be there to tell her how much we love her and to talk about the good times when she would cook for us when we came to visit. On Sunday before we headed back to Nashville we spent some time with her that morning. She seemed to know who we were more so than she did on Saturday. We sat there with her in the dinning room for a while, her holding hands with Cheryl. I took some pictures of the two of them together with my iPhone. They looked so happy smiling together in those pictures. We went by Grandmas house for a little while and Cheryl was able to walk around remembering how it used to be. We headed back home knowing that, more than likely we had visited with Grandma for the last time. We just didn't expect it to be this soon. We love you Grandma!

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**Frank & Cheryl Looser** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

MM

“ Ann,  
So saddened to hear of the death of your mom. I remember her being in the cafeteria when we were in school. I would point out what piece of pizza I wanted and she would always try to make sure I got it. She was a fun person and I know you all loved her dearly.

We will have your family in our prayers. We love you guys.

Melody (Johnson) Moon

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**melody moon** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

SF

“ Aunt Welcie has always held a special place in my heart. I remember riding through the pastures there, behind my brother on one of the atv's, getting as close to the cows as we dared. And I remember Aunt Welcie out in the yard, in the shade on her swing, smiling and waving as we rode by.

Aunt Welcie, you will be missed until we meet again.

Love,

Sarah :)

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**Sarah Winningham Forst** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

RM

“ Cliff & I are sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet mother. We always enjoyed Welcie, her smile and sincere hospitality. Loyd & Welcie were always congenial, interesting and fun to be around. We will always remember the legacy & common sense wisdom they left us. With love & blessing-Becky Mcdonald

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**Rebecca Mcdonald** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

DW

“ *Welcie Winningham*

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**Dora Dean Wilf** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

RW

“ *We wish to express our deepest sympathy in this difficult time. God is always with us in these difficult times. Our prayers will be with you and the family.*

*Ray and Jean*

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**ray & jean west** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM

DH

“ *Often when we were "home" to visit with mother (Evelyn Payne) she would make blackberry cobbler especially for Jim because she knew he loved it. All of us did, but he knew it was for him. Once when we were there and his sister Debbie was also they were arguing about who the cobbler was for. Debbie was sure it was made especially for her, but Jim knew it was for him. It was obvious to me it was another of the many ways Welcie made the people she loved feel special. I have been a part of her life for 30 years, married into her circle of loved one and I can tell you she made me feel special from the very beginning. I am sorry we could not be there for her funeral due to the weather, but i assure you we were there in spirit. We love you Welcie, and we will see you soon. Tell Mom hi for us. I know you two are in heaven together smiling down on us. Love Donna*

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**Donna Hodges** - March 29, 2013 at 02:12 PM