



Willie Mae Parks

December 29, 1913 - August 17, 2014

Willie Mae Parks, 100, of Searcy, died Sunday, August 17, 2014. She was born December 29, 1913 in Searcy, the daughter of Lee Roy and Nettie Greer. Willie Mae spent the last one hundred years humbly serving the Lord and her family. She raised nine children on small acreage west of Searcy in the shadow of the Great Depression. Oftentimes alone while her beloved husband, Carlos, was working, she provided for her family out of her abundant garden, and by ironing, and sewing. Those circumstances and struggles shaped her faith and strengthened her loyalty to family. She endured the loss of three children; Gaylon, Sue, and James, with grace and resolve. For the next generation of her fifteen grandchildren, her modest home on Arch street was the hub of the Parks family for over four decades. Her door and kitchen table were always open for a hot meal of turnips and cornbread and a large helping of unconditional love. Her influence runs deep and her legacy will endure for many generations. She was a longtime member of West Race Baptist Church and taught Sunday School at Honey Hill Church for many years.

Willie is survived by four sons, Bill Parks (Aileene), Randall Parks (Charlotte), and Danny Parks (Mary Jane) of Searcy, and Robert Parks (Julie) of Odessa, Texas; two daughters, Ann Bayly of Rensselaer, New York and Judy Parks of Searcy; a brother, Elmer Greer; a sister, Virgineous Grissom; and 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Carlos Parks;

three children, Gaylon Parks, Sue Hancock, and James Parks; three sisters; three brothers; and a son-in-law, John Bayly.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ May God give each of you strength and comfort at this time. Some of my best memories growing up were spent at Aunt Willie's house or when we would all be at Papa and Mama Greers. God bless.

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“ Your loss is Heaven's gain. What a reunion there must have been. Our thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy & Pam

Jimmy & Pam Stitt - February 10, 2016 at 02:22 PM

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“ My heart breaks for your loss. As long as I have known Rachel I have known that she loved her grandmother so dearly! Love to Lee and Julie and Rachel and the rest of the family.

*With Love,
Lisa and Richard Torres and Family*

"Unable are the loved to die, for love is immortality" ~ Emily Dickinson

Lisa and Richard Torres - February 10, 2016 at 02:22 PM

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“ May God Bless you in the loss of your loved one.

The Wayne Anderson Family.

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