



Lorene Franklin

August 17, 1918 - March 16, 2020

Lorene Franklin, age 101, passed away on March 16, 2020, at Katherine's Place in Fayetteville. She was born on August 17, 1918, in Lowell, Arkansas, to Alec and Luetta (Taylor) Ford. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, William Ross Franklin, and two sons, Mike Franklin and Richard Franklin, and all of her siblings.

Lorene grew up in Lowell, the ninth of eleven children. She married her school sweetheart, Bill, and together they endured many adversities and hardships during the Depression. They moved the family to California. There, Lorene became a licensed childcare provider in her home and brought joy to many children. First and foremost, she was a dedicated mother and homemaker and had a profound influence on her family. She looketh well to the ways of her household, Prov. 31:27. She and Bill moved back to Lowell in the 70's. They enjoyed their retirement years with their own craft business, The Ozark Peddler. They traveled the country selling their wares and making lifelong friends along the way. After her husband's death, she faced her next challenge with timidity, but determined to be an overcomer as she had become blind, deaf and later was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. God took the weak and made them strong so that He could receive the glory.

She is survived by her two daughters, Pat Molle of Fayetteville, and Sue Stensvaag of Hawthorne, California; six grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A private family service is under the direction of Nelson Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/>

Escorted in such splendor
I was blind, but now I see

The beauty and the majesty
As angels carry me.

Far beyond the life I knew
Secure in their embrace,
My journey was a prelude
To the glory of this place.

Welcomed by rejoicing
No tears are ever found,
God himself wipes them all away
Now I hear angels singing all around.

Eternal gates were opened
Peace met me there inside,
I rejoice now with angels,
In Heaven I abide.

Cemetery

Bluff Cemetery

900 N Shiloh St

Springdale, AR,

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nelson Berna Funeral Home - March 23 at 03:00 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Lorene Franklin.



March 24 at 01:12 PM



“ Serene Green Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Lorene Franklin.



March 24 at 11:47 AM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Lorene Franklin.



March 23 at 04:31 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Bill and Lorene were the nicest people. Your family is in our prayers. Brant and Nadine Holland.

Brant and Nadine Holland - March 22 at 08:25 PM



“ Pat, I remember Lorene`s words during your last visit to our home on 26th st. in Rogers a few years ago. Tho` nearly blind, Lorene told Billie Jo..."I love your many trees" (she could see them above). Lorene and Bill were special...salt of the Earth.

Sincere Regrets, Gene Bland and Billie (dec).

Gene Bland - March 22 at 03:13 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss Pat. After reading her obituary, I wish I had known her! Joni Womack

Joni Womack - March 22 at 10:34 AM



“ Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Lorene Franklin.



March 21 at 08:20 PM