



Mrs. Merle Deese Preston

July 30, 1929 - October 5, 2023

Funeral service for Mrs. Merle Deese Preston will be on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 12:00pm in the Toby Miller Chapel at Miller Funeral Home. Brother Tim Lynch and Minister Verlon Carrell will be officiating. A burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00am until service time at the funeral home the same day. Mrs. Merle Deese Preston, 94 of Oxford Alabama passed away at NEARMC on Thursday October 5, 2023.

Survivors include daughter, Linda P. Kennedy; granddaughter, Ginger Nail Carrell (Verlon); grandson, Jason Nail (Amy); great granddaughter, Devon Nail Turner (Caleb); great grandsons, Blake Carrell (Kaylee), Bryant Carrell, Brady Carrell (Justice); great great granddaughter to arrive in December, Baby Cosette; sisters, Carolyn Brockmiller (Bill) and Sandra Clair (Al); along with a host of several nieces, nephews and other family members.

Mrs. Merle Deese Preston is preceded in death by her husband, Wardie Preston; parents, Enos Joseph and Willie Alice Deese; brothers, Homer Deese, Hulen Deese, Paul Deese; sisters, Syble Williams and Sara Jo Deese.

Pallbearers will be grandsons.

Mrs. Preston retired as a seamstress and was a volunteer pink lady at the

hospital for 38 years. She also volunteered at the Meals on Wheels and the Calhoun County Baptist Association (The Christian Center). She was lifelong member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Oxford Alabama and was also known as one of the three musketeers (The three M's) and loved her church family very much. She enjoyed spending time talking on the phone with her special friends and family members. She enjoyed gardening and tending to her flowers and pecan trees. She loved cooking meals for her family and others, especially Christmas breakfast with her fresh homemade biscuits and ham. She would be so busy cooking and serving others, she put their needs before hers. She enjoyed receiving her special delivery of double yolk eggs and homemade sausage from the Georgia family. She had a lot of special friends that she held dear to her heart. The family stated that she had a servant's heart and would do anything for anybody.

The family would like to send a special thank you to her neighbors for tending to her flowers and watching after her house and R.N. Sandy Vick at NEARMC.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Miller Funeral Home
50 Hamric Drive East
Oxford, AL 36203
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Service

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Graveside Service

OCT 9 (cst)

Forestlawn Memorial Gardens
730 Golden Springs Rd
Anniston, AL

Tribute Wall

CP

“ no idea who this person but rest in peace

carson pence - October 17, 2023 at 12:07 PM

CP

“ Carson Pence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Merle Deese Preston



carson pence - October 17, 2023 at 12:06 PM

DC

“ Aunt Merle was one of the kindest ladies I have ever known. She and my Uncle Wardie were inseparable and I have such fond memories of them throughout my life. Times in Bowdon, GA at my my Grandmother and Papa Preston's house, at Uncle Buford and Aunt Clara's and at each Preston Reunion. Our family has lost the last member of that generation and it is a sad day for us but not for Aunt Merle for she is now with our Savior and all of her loved ones who have been waiting for her to join them. She told me a while back that she was unable to put flowers on her parents grave in Ranburne and it hurt her heart. Russell and I were honored to make that happen for her with the help of Amy. I'm so sorry that we cannot be there today. We will love you forever and see you soon.



Dottie Grizzard Cavender - October 09, 2023 at 08:49 AM

JW

“ my aunt merle was a loving person who was very much loved herself. everyone who knew her always smiled when they saw her coming. i will miss her but i will hold close and dear the many memories. our condolences to the family and all next of kin and many friends.

james williams - October 07, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes



Miller Funeral Home - October 07, 2023 at 02:41 PM

TC

“ We celebrate your life today, Aunt Merle. Your spirit reminds us of your love, joy and laughter. You were a beacon of hope, a symbol of strength and a guiding light for so many of us. You always knew how to make everyone feel special. I will miss your letters and our occasional talks. Your love will live on in our hearts forever.

Tammie Coppola - October 07, 2023 at 11:02 AM

TC

“ *Tammie Coppola lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Merle Deese Preston*



Tammie Coppola - October 07, 2023 at 11:01 AM

BB

“ *One of the most precious and giving things that I got to witness of Mawmaw was taking care of my sister when she found out she had cancer. She lived on her and let her know she was going to be fine. She also gave for my grandson to have Christmas when he was small. The page is not long enough for a list of all the generous things she done for people. She will be missed, but not forgotten.*

Brenda Brimer - October 06, 2023 at 02:38 PM

CB

Merle was a great sister to me. When mama had me, she gave me to Merle to take care of, she weaned me as a baby, got up all thru the night to feed me. In my life, if anything went wrong, she was the person I called to talk about it. We were close as we got older. We talked often, sometimes daily. I loved her!❤️. Carolyn

Carolyn Brockmiller - October 06, 2023 at 06:36 PM