



Bertha Helen Garst Raybon

May 9, 1925 - September 25, 2024

Bertha Helen Garst Raybon was born May 9, 1925, to Paul and Artive Garst of Hackleburg, Alabama. They moved to Gardendale, Alabama when she was two and she was pleased to live in Gardendale for the majority of her life. Affectionally known as “Bert” to her friends, she passed away peacefully on September 25, 2024, at 99 years of age. She was the longest living member of her extended family.

Bert married her only love, Richard Raybon, in 1942 and they had been married 73 years when he died in 2016. She lived through the great depression and WWII with Richard serving as a marine in China. She loved to sew, knit, work jigsaw puzzles, dabble in arts and crafts, clean house and plant flowers. She was strong in her Christian faith and attended Gardendale First Baptist Church as well as Mt. Olive Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at an earlier time. She loved traditional hymns of the faith and began to sing them to whoever would listen in her later years.

Bert was preceded in death by her siblings Hayes Earl and Paul Garst, Anne Nunnelley and Ruby Littrell. She is survived by her children Sandra Woods and Richard Lee Raybon Jr. (Sue Ann); grandchildren Andrea White Collins (Troy), Craig White, Amy White Patillo (Lee), Bryant Woods, Meredith Raybon

Smith (Michael), and Mallory Raybon Reutter (Jon) as well as twelve great grandchildren. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and sister-in-law Peggy Garst.

Visitation will be at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home in Gardendale, Alabama, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm on Monday, September 30, 2024, followed by funeral services at 2:00 pm and interment at Moncrief Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Moncrief Cemetery

Moncrief Rd
Gardendale, AL 35071

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
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Funeral Service

SEP 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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