



## Helen Verline McKinney

April 20, 1930 - June 3, 2014

Helen Verline Oliver McKinney, of Birmingham, AL, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, June 03, 2014 at the age of 84. She was a very devoted, loving wife and mother, native and long-term resident of Franklin County, AL. She was raised near Phil Campbell and resided in the Gravel Hill Community where she was a lifetime member of the Gravel Hill Baptist Church and assisted with the family farm. Her unwavering Christian faith and sweet disposition provided a testimony to all that knew her. She was an avid gardener, enjoyed growing and preserving fruits and vegetables, cooking, sewing, church, and family. She moved to the Birmingham area in 2001 to be closer to her children. She attended the First Baptist Church of Pelham until her health declined in 2010. After a further decline in her health in 2013, she moved to Lakeview Estates Assisted Living. The family would like to thank the staff at Lakeview and the Pelham First Baptist Family for their loving thoughts, care, and prayers. Mrs. McKinney was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, James Wilburn ?Wig? McKinney; her parents, Onie Dell Oliver and Susie Mae Lawler Oliver; brother, Clyde Oliver and wife, Velma. Mrs. McKinney is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Gail McKinney Black and husband, Michael J. Black; son, Keith Dwight McKinney; nephew, Danny Oliver and wife, Carol; nieces, Janet Oliver McCullar and husband, Jerry, Debra Oliver Harris and husband Steve; several great-nephews and nieces, cousins, and friends. The visitation will be 5:30 ? 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 05, 2014 at Spry Memorial Chapel in Russellville, AL and on Friday, June 06,

2014 1:00 p.m. ? 2:00 p.m. at Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Phil Campbell, AL (Gravel Hill Community). The funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. The burial will be at Liberty Hill Cemetery, Phil Campbell, AL. Dr. Paul Moore will be officiating the Celebration service. Memorials may be made to Pelham First Baptist Church or Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Johns-Ridout's Funeral Home of Birmingham and Spry Memorial Chapel of Russellville assisted the family.

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ Gail, Keith & Mike  
*I'm sorry for your loss, You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Vickey Senkbeil Horton** - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Keith,  
  
*So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Your family is in out thoughts and prayers. Your Dad and Mother were always so thoughtful to visit our Mother during her illness.  
Stay close to God.  
Sandi (Becki's sister)*

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**Sandi Weiler** - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Keith and family - *extending my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your mother. You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Becki Richardson Rink** - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Keith and family,  
  
*So sorry about your Mother passing but I know that there is great rejoicing in heaven. Your parents were always so kind and encouraging to our Mother. I know you will be grieving in the days ahead please know that we will be praying for you.*

*Sandi(Becki's sister)*

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**Sandi Weiler** - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Sorry for the death of your Mother, she and your dad were good fiends of mine.

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**RoyceMassey** - June 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM