



Olivia Robinson Batchelor

December 6, 1924 - September 16, 2024

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Hilda Olivia Robinson Batchelor, age 99, of Russellville, AL, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024, at her residence.

She was born December 06, 1924, to William Thomas Jefferson Robinson and Mary Elizabeth Williams Robinson in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. She graduated from Haleyville High School and continued her education at a business school in Nashville, TN. Her husband, Cecil, served in World War II. After the war was over, Cecil returned home to marry the love of his life, Miss Olivia Robinson. Cecil and Olivia moved to Russellville where they raised their two children, Rebecca and Greg, and where they've lived ever since.

Olivia was a devoted and faithful member of Russellville First Methodist Church where she and her husband, Cecil, served as youth directors in the 1940's and spent many years in service to the church. She was an entrepreneur, owning and managing several businesses alongside her husband, Cecil. She played a vital role in the success of their businesses. She served on the Board of CBS Banc-Corp as Secretary for close to twenty years. Olivia was the first woman in Alabama to serve on the Grand Jury.

Olivia was a mother of the heart and a role model for many. Many people

benefited from her years of wisdom, kind heart, and generosity. She saw and experienced many things in her almost 100 years of life and her favorite place to visit was Jackson Hole, Wyoming. She had a true servant's heart, loving to help people. She created many works of art through her needlework, most of which she gave away. She was a wonderful cook and loved to share. She was especially known for her banana bread, pound cake, and candies.

She had a green thumb and always had beautiful flowers year-round. She always had a soft spot for animals. She was a classy Southern lady who loved her family and friends dearly and leaves behind many wonderful memories.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 78 years, Cecil Batchelor; her father, William Thomas Jefferson Robinson; her mother, Mary Elizabeth Williams Robinson; her siblings, Martha Burleson, William Alton Robinson, Bretha Robinson, Mary Louise Stone, Rebecca Ann Robinson, William Thomas Jefferson Robinson, Jr., and Juanita Belcher.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter, Rebecca Batchelor Reeves and her husband, Brad; her son, Greg Batchelor and his wife, Donna; her grandson, John Bradley Batchelor Reeves and his wife, Alana; her grandson, John Gregory Mitchell Batchelor and Kelsee; her great-grandson, Rhett Bradley Reeves; her brother, Auveen Robinson; several nieces & nephews, and a host of friends.

The visitation will be 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday, September 23, 2024, at Russellville First Methodist Church. The funeral will follow at 12:00 noon in the church with Bro. Bo Lloyd officiating the service. She will be entombed in the Franklin Memory Gardens Mausoleum.

The pallbearers will be John Gregory Mitchell Batchelor, John Bradley

Batchelor Reeves, Rhett Bradley Reeves, Tom Belcher, Mark Stone, and Jon Robinson. The honorary pallbearers will be Jeff Robinson, Mike Stone, David Scruggs, Dennis Upchurch, Lanny Norris, and the Russellville First Methodist Church Ernest Workers Sunday School Class.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and support they have received during this time. A special thank you to her caregivers, Deb Carr, Janice Saint, and Denise Pounders for your excellent love and care of our mother. Also, we want to thank Dr. Stanley Keith Morrow, as well as Greta Boutwell and the staff of North Alabama Hospice for your excellent care.

The family has asked for anyone wishing to make a memorial in Mrs. Olivia's memory to do so to Russellville First Methodist Church, 311 N. Jackson Avenue, Russellville, Alabama 35653

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To have us sign the book for you, please feel free to call or to leave private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Russellville First Methodist Church
311 N. Jackson Avenue
Russellville, AL 35653

Funeral

SEP **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ Rebecca and Brad, I remember Mrs. Batchelor being involved with many school activities especially with the Russellville Marching 100. I hope these memories will bring you comfort t this time.....from Grace Bearden Wells

Grace Bearden Wells - September 23, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JK

“ A lovely lady whom I am sure will be missed. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Cecil Batchelor during the early days when we continued to operate as Bank of Bolivar. May God bless and comfort family and friends.

Judy Kirk - September 20, 2024 at 04:11 PM

CB

Rebecca and Greg.... Your mom was so special and always kind. I have fond memories of your parents... God bless all of you.

Cheryl Bradford - September 20, 2024 at 04:49 PM

BM

Greg & Rebecca
My deepest sympathy for you and your family. Your Mother was a sweet and kind lady. God Bless
Brenda Mills

Brenda Mills - September 20, 2024 at 06:40 PM