



Lilly Claude Rooks

September 30, 1928 - January 3, 2022

Lilly Claude Rooks, 93, of Russellville, Ala. passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022 at Russellville Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Atlanta, Ga. on September 30, 1928. She was raised in Attalla and later Albertville, where she met her husband, W.C. Rooks, on walks to school. They corresponded while he was in the Navy and began dating after his service in World War II. She graduated from Albertville High School in 1946, and they were wed on December 13 of that year, beginning a wonderful marriage of nearly 63 years. After twelve years of waiting to adopt a child, they adopted their daughter Amanda. They built a farm in Albertville and lived there until 1969 when the family moved to Russellville for Mr. Rooks's employment as district highway engineer with the Alabama Department of Transportation.

She will long be remembered for her extraordinary kindness as a member of both the Albertville and Russellville communities, an exemplary member of her church, and a loving mother and grandmother. She taught the Ruth Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church of Russellville for almost 50 years and cared deeply for her class members. She also called each member of the church on his or her birthday. It was almost impossible to know Mrs. Rooks without becoming a friend.

The visitation and funeral service will be held at a later date to be announced. Officiating will be Dr. Gene Balding. Interment will be in Franklin Memory Gardens. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Fricks, Johnny Duncan, Ricky Hall,

Don Sibley, John Payne, Harold Mitchell, Jeff Bowling, Wayne Ingram, Terry Bolton, Calvin Parmer, and Randy Paul Stepleton.

She is survived by her daughter L. Amanda Rooks Arthur Turnock (Mrs. David Turnock) and her grandson Christopher Arthur of Russellville. She was preceded in death by her husband, W.C. Rooks, Jr., and her parents, Claude and Ruby Stewart of Albertville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of Russellville, P.O. Box 326, Russellville, AL 35653, or to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Mother, I miss you so every day and wish you could be with me. Then I stop and realize how perfect Heaven is, and that you are with Daddy again forever, and I say a prayer that one day I will be with you again as well.*

Just the three of us, baptized believers in Christ, the Holy Spirit and God, our divine maker.

Missing you extra much as my 25th wedding anniversary is just a few days away, and the first holidays with you gone from me approach.

Wish I could have your turkey and dressing just one more time!

*Love,
Your only child, Amanda*



Lilly Amanda Turnock - October 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Chris,
I am sorry for your loss.
Sincerely, John Appuhn*

John Appuhn - January 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I was and am so blessed to have had the privilege of calling her " Mother" for all my life, and to have been nurtured in body, mind and spirit by both she and my daddy.

My mother was a happy and positive lady, and she helped me find the good or the humorous or both in so many of life's situations. She was my rock, and the person I most wanted to be like, but try as I might, she was the original southern lady, gracious to all, known by so very many, not shy like I was, and had the voice of an angel when she started singing solos in our large church when I was a very young child.

I know that I won the " Life Lottery" when the State of Alabama handed W.C. and Lilly a very tiny 6 month old preemie baby, and they took me home to love and cherish, which they did through my tough first years of life and have loved me as their only child until they each faded away due to diseases associated with advanced aging. We were a close and loving family for many years together.

I want to especially thank my loving son, my parents' only grandchild, Christopher Stewart Arthur, for his unfailing love and gentle care of his grandparents, especially my mother as she had long term complications from a knee replacement and required extensive help daily. In case anyone wondered, Mother did NOT pass away from anything related to COVID-19 but was strong and optimistic enough to have her vaccinations, and as a long time R.N., I hope anyone not vaccinated will follow in her steps. I believe the vaccinations helped her live longer through the worst of the pandemic. She was a strong and brave hearted person.

I owe a HUGE and much overdue thank you to Dr. Kevin Kelly for his excellent medical care of both my parents for many years.

Please know that if my mother knew you, she cared about you personally. We were so blessed to have her for so many years, including the many years I've lived so far away from Alabama. I

knew she was only a phone call away and I will miss her always.

Amanda Rooks Turnock - January 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *To the Rooks Family, we are so sorry for your loss..Mrs.Rooks was a very sweet & caring lady. We hope you find comfort in knowing Heaven gained a true Angel. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all, The families of Kathryn(Hitt) & Floyd Flanagan*



Joy Hitt Fuller - January 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Mrs. Lilly was a blessing to all that ever had the pleasure of knowing her. I can say she was one of my best friends and I looked up to her so much. We both looked forward to our lunches and visits. Please know you'll be dearly missed.*

Genelle Jackson - January 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM