



Stella Mae Horton Kimbrough

February 6, 1930 - December 21, 2022

Stella Mae Horton Kimbrough, age 92, Phil Campbell, passed away on December 21, 2022 at Russellville Health Care. She was born on February 6, 1930.

Stella Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard J. Kimbrough; her parents William Ira and Lillie Smith Horton; her son-in-law, Tim Reed; her sister, Irra Dell Horton Pinkard; brother-in-law, Elick Loyd Pinkard; her brother, William Clay Horton; and sister-in-law, Mary Webb Horton.

She is survived by her children Ray (Laura) Kimbrough, Hamilton; Fay (Mike) Kimbrough Gaston, Russellville; Joy Kimbrough Reed, Phil Campbell and Mark (Lorri) Kimbrough, Spruce Pine; her step-daughter, Opal (Hoyt) Dillard; her grandchildren, Andrew (Allie) Reed, Caitlin (Scott) Reed Maijala, Phillip (Samantha) Kimbrough, Patrick Kimbrough, Anna Beth (Walker) Kimbrough Chandler, Meagan (Andrew) Gaston Bragwell, Molly (Daniel) Gaston Tortorici and Ashley (Jonathan Chaney) Kimbrough; and step-granddaughter Cindy (Chris) Dillard Bailey; her great grandchildren Stella Jane Kimbrough, Easton Kimbrough, Adeliza Maijala and Gwendolyn Reed; her niece, Sandra (Archie) Horton Brown and her nephew, Butch (Michele) Horton and several great nieces and nephews.

Stella Mae became a Christian early in life and was a member of Mt. View Baptist Church, Phil Campbell. She lived her life as a selfless, faithful Christian, daughter, wife, mother, mother-in-law and sister. Faith and family were most important to Stella Mae. She provided for her family well by making

sure the freezer and pantry were filled with vegetables, fruits, and meats to provide three meals a day for her family for an entire year. There was always enough for extended family members and friends when they visited as well. Mama could work miracles in the kitchen. Everything she cooked was delicious. She was known for cooking anything her boys killed. Most important, though, she taught her children about Christ, how to love and care for family, how to love others, and how to give selflessly. As children, we felt rich. We were loved and provided for well in our home. Mama didn't care about having extras for herself. She taught us to give with no credit for ourselves. Many times we would go with her as she left clothes, food, and other homemade treats on the porches of those less fortunate. She said she did not want to embarrass or make anyone feel bad about their situation. So, we left these things quietly without drawing attention.

Even though dementia robbed Stella Mae of a normal life, it did not take away the influence she had on those she met or who cared for her over almost 15 years at Russellville Health Care. Over the last three days as we have been by her side as she was dying, nurses, CNA's, and other health care workers from long ago and now would ask to see her. We witnessed as they cried, hugged and kissed our sweet mama. They told us they loved her and shared how she had been special to them. We missed the times we lost, but her life did not end 15 years ago. Her influence lives on in her family and all those she touched until her very last day on earth.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 12 noon on Monday, December 26, at Spry Funeral Home, Russellville with the funeral immediately following. Rev. Sammy Taylor will be officiating the service. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery. Grandsons and grand son-in-law will be pallbearers.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, calls, visits and food during this time of sorrow. Thank you to Russellville Health Care for the love, care and kindness you gave to our sweet mama.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Such a sweet memorial to a sweet mama!!*

Betty Jackson - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss,*

Sam Heath - December 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Ray, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was an awesome lady. Prayers for you and your family.*

LAURA GARDEN CHAMBLEE

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