



## Anna Loucille Edwards

November 8, 1930 - November 15, 2016

Anna "Loucille" Bolinger, was born Nov 8, 1930, to Jesse Clell Bolinger and Jessie Bea Weathers Bolinger, in Loy, Arkansas. Siblings; Jesse B Bolinger, Kenneth Bolinger, Marlene Conant Gill, Ruby Seeber, Calvin Bolinger, Billie Johnson, Pauli Evans, Leota Parsons, and Donald Radach. Loucille spent her childhood on family farmland along the Kings River valley learning things that she loved; to fish, sing and play the guitar, sew, garden, farm, while also cultivating a deep appreciation for family history. She had a favorite companion, her horse Ginger, that she rode to the one room schoolhouse at Loy, often sharing the mount with a younger sibling or two. At the age of 12, at a pie supper in Kingston, Loucille caught the eye of a young man who, in her description, was simply "dashing." His name was Claud M Edwards, a mountain boy from Red Star, the son of William Demps and Melisse Bell Hodge Edwards. A two year courtship followed and they wed on Loucille's 14th birthday, Nov. 8th, 1944, and lived to celebrated 64 years of marriage before Claud's passing on April 4, 2009. The couple lived in Washington State for some time during their early years, but spent the majority of their married life on a farm on Burney Mountain south of Kingston, where they combined skills and determination to make a living and to raise their family. Claud and Loucille sold the farm and moved to Alabam in the early 2000's. The home they built at Alabam remained Loucille's permanent residence until the time of her death at Willard Walker Hospice House, Fayetteville, Ark, on November 15th, 2016, at the age of 86. During much of their child rearing years, Claud's

occupation with the State Department of Labor often kept him on the road. Loucille, a homemaker, spent her time working on the farm and tending a large vegetable garden and preserving the produce to ensure there was always plenty to eat during the winter months. A believer in Christ, she was instrumental in getting church and Sunday school services started at Reeves so that those living on the mountain would have a place to worship. She entertained her children by reciting poems passed down from generations before her, singing songs, and by going fishing. With her independent spirit, intelligence, and determination, she figured out how to do just about anything she needed done from minor auto repair to quilt making to building construction. When time permitted, she extensively researched the genealogy of her family as well as her husband's, and recorded volumes of history on their ancestry. Loucille especially enjoyed visiting with old timers in the area that could share stories of oral history. She also had an interest in preserving heirloom seeds. Loucille served as the matriarch for her children, Nina Sue Johnson, Lowell; Barton Henry (the late, Darla) Edwards, Berryville; Max Morris (Caroline) Edwards, Huntsville; Elaine Marie (Steve) Cattaneo, Winslow; Annette B (Earl) Rowe, Lincoln; and Lois Faye (Michael) Cox, Springdale; along with 22 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren who are now left to carry on with the gifts of honesty, hard work and compassion she left behind. Loucille was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Claud; siblings Kenneth Bolinger, Billie Johnson, Jesse Bolinger, and Donald Radach; two great grandsons, Blake Anthony Lawson and Dakota Eli Catt, and a daughter in law, Darla Mae Edwards. A celebration of Loucille's life will be held Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:00 am at Brashears Funeral Home, Inc., Huntsville, Arkansas. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, Nov. 18th. Interment will be at Reeves Cemetery. The service will be officiated by Drew Killingsworth. Pall bearers will be grandsons: Justin Edwards, Cameron Edwards, Lamont Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Brandon Catt, Zachary Rowe, Christopher Cox, and great-grandsons: Colby Sharp, Cody Sharp, Kendall Sharp, Dylan VanSandt,

Glendon VanSandt, Jacob Edwards.

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Lamont, I'm sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.*

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**Amanda** - December 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *We were saddened to recently learn about your mother's passing. We know she and your dad are walking hand in hand together. Our sympathies to all of your families.*

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**George Edgmon** - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *The family and I would like to thank each of you for the prayers and kind words for our mother , Loucille. There are no words to describe how precious the love you have shown to us and her has been. We are also very thankful for the great care mom received at Willard Walker Hospice as life slipped away. Her earthly body rests high upon the mountain but her precious soul is with The Lord.*

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**Max Edwards** - November 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I would like to express my condolences to the family and friends of Anna Edwards. The loss of a loved one is never easy and feels so unnatural. That is because we all have the desire to live forever. Our loving Creator has promised that he will one day do away with death (Revelation 21:3,4) and we will have the opportunity to live forever in a paradise (Psalms 37:10,11). There you can welcome your loved ones back (John 5:28,29a). May those verses bring you some comfort in your time of mourning.*

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**Marie Mile** - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ So sorry to hear about Loucille, she was such a pretty lady and always had a smile on her face, and she sure did like to fish, my thought and prayers are with all of you.

Sue Cline - November 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Loucille, you were the greatest. You're in heaven now and still the greatest.

Paul Weathers - November 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ What a beautiful life story for a beautiful woman. Loucille and my dad were first cousins, and I know they are now catching up on a lot of years apart. I feel blessed to have known her love.

Janet Armes Householder - November 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I loved Loucille and Claude very much. She was a great friend. mother and all around person.

Cae Cordell - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I loved reading the story of her life in her obituary. Praying for you all! let me know if you need anything!

Diane Smith - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *What a great history, she sounds like an amazing person. Sorry for your loss.*

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**Cynthia Jacobsen Elmore** - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Kids - So sorry about your Mom. She was a very, very special person, and I know she will be missed. Love and prayers to you all.*

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**Janet Seaberg** - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

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**Charlinda reeves** - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Annette & Family, So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

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**Tammi Davis** - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *This was a beautiful obituary that really let us know what a lovely person Loucille was throughout her life. It was a privilege to get to know her for a short period of time, and now I know why my best friend (Annette) turned out to be such a wonderful person... growing up with a mom like Loucille and being surrounded by loving family. I'm so sorry for your loss, but so grateful to know she loved the Lord Jesus! Sincerely, Lynn Garside*

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**Lynn Garside** - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM