



## Gertie V Burnett

November 3, 1923 - March 13, 2025

Gertie Burnett of Old Alabam, Arkansas, passed away March 13, 2025, in the Earlene Howard Hospice Home at Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale, Arkansas. She reached the beautiful age of 101 years, 3 months, and 10 days. Gertie was born November 3rd, 1923 at Venus, Arkansas, to Lonnie and Lucy Keck Bryant.

Gertie attended school through the 8th grade at the Venus School, and repeated the last year because she loved school so much. She and husband Artis moved back and forth between Arkansas and California several times before settling in their forever home at Old Alabam, Arkansas. Among her many skills, Gertie was a talented seamstress, a wonderful cook, a compassionate Nurse's Aide at the Hospital and the Nursing home in Huntsville, an inspector for several years at Bear Brand Hosiery in Fayetteville, and a devoted Christian serving faithfully at Harmony Baptist Church for over fifty years.

Gertie was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her first husband, Johnnie Smith, her second husband of fifty-three years, James Artis Burnett, four brothers: Boyd, Delmar, Otto, and Eddie Bryant, and one sister, Vada Bryant Carter Acery.

She is survived by three brothers: Porter, Garland, and Jerry Bryant; and two

sisters; Ann Christian and Jean Tripp; as well as fifty descendants, including four children: Marion Smith, Joyce Eubanks, James Burnett, and Sandra Burnett; thirteen grandchildren, twenty- one great-grandchildren; and twelve great-great-grandchildren!

The family would like to thank Countryside Assisted Living Staff, who lovingly cared for Gertie the last two years; and the Earlene Howard Hospice Home at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, who very kindly kept her comfortable in the last week of her life.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 on Wednesday, March 19th, at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville, followed by a celebration of life at 2:00 with Brother Lonnie Siler officiating. Burial will be in the Old Alabam Cemetery. Afterwards, a delicious meal will be provided for the family by the Wagon Wheel Country Café at Art and Gertie's old home place.

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Darell, Dwayne, and Tracy Smith, Kenneth and Steve Burnett, and Lance Eubanks. Honorary Pallbearers will be granddaughters: Tezra Eubanks, Melanie Eubanks Reece, Dyanna Yarbrow, Lovie Middleton Ritchie, Amy Lemming, Valerie Ellis, and Lucy Smith.

Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Alabam Cemetery

355 Highway 127  
Huntsville, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 North Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
(479) 738-2123  
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 North Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
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# Tribute Wall

RF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gertie was such a special lady. She and Art were such good people. They were cornerstones of the Old Alabam community. Their kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. This world needs more people like them. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and memories you shared.

Rita Sharp and family - March 21, 2025 at 12:14 AM

JB

“ She was a lovely lady, aged gracefully & keep her sense of humor, laughter. That generation were amazing people. Love & hugs during this difficult time.

June B Ball - March 20, 2025 at 09:17 AM

SF

“ I met Gertie later in life and found out she was married to my grandpa, Johnnie Smith. She was always so sweet to me and my family. She was a very special lady. My condolences go out to her family.

Shelly Ford - March 20, 2025 at 06:33 AM

CG

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Charles Gurley - March 19, 2025 at 12:47 PM

DP

“ Such a sweet lady, my dad grew up with her and thought a lot of her and Art. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Donna Hooper. Phillips - March 19, 2025 at 11:25 AM

HO

“ *Holiday Island Post Office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gertie V Burnett.*



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**Holiday Island Post Office** - March 19, 2025 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences on your loss. I have many, many fond memories of Aunt Gertie both when we visited on our annual vacations. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed tremendously. John Burnett*

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**John Burnett** - March 19, 2025 at 10:27 AM

DH

“ *Dixie Holland lit a candle in memory of Gertie Burnett*



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**Dixie Holland** - March 19, 2025 at 09:26 AM

MM

“ *Rest in peace, beautiful lady*



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**Marcia Holland Morris** - March 19, 2025 at 09:26 AM

DB

“ *Gertie was a loving and beautiful friend. She will be missed, but she is now home*

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**Dixie Holland Barker** - March 19, 2025 at 09:25 AM

CR

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

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**Charlinda Reeves** - March 18, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JO

“ *Sorry for your loss, she was a sweet lady.*

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**joetta** - March 18, 2025 at 05:03 PM

BI

“ *Burnett Painting Contractors, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gertie V Burnett.*

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**Burnett Painting Contractors, Inc.** - March 18, 2025 at 04:00 PM

BI

“ *Burnett Painting Contractors, Inc. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Gertie V Burnett.*



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**Burnett Painting Contractors, Inc.** - March 18, 2025 at 04:00 PM

DF

“ Donna, Debbie, John, Svetlana & family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Gertie V Burnett.



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**Donna, Debbie, John, Svetlana & family** - March 18, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Gertie V Burnett.



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March 18, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gertie V Burnett.



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March 18, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertie V Burnett.

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March 18, 2025 at 07:56 AM

PM

“ After moving to Huntsville in 8th grade, I was fortunate to make a fast friendship with Sandy. I had my first chocolate gravy in Gertie’s kitchen, got my ears pieced, sang lots of Carol King and gospel songs at the piano and most of all felt at home. Treasured memories that will always be a part of who I am. I loved Miss Gertie, and I love you, Sandy. Prayers for comfort.  
*Pam McBee Mowery*

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**Pam McBee Mowery** - March 17, 2025 at 09:27 PM

SM

“ Joyce sorry for your lost, but it seems she had a wonderful long life here on earth and a wonderful life she has entered into for eternity!  
*Hugh & prayers*

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**Sherry & Tommy McFee** - March 17, 2025 at 03:13 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. Gertie was a beautiful lady. She served her time on earth. Now she is home with our Lord. I know she is well and happy. God bless all her family.

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**Dorothy Roberts Dyer** - March 17, 2025 at 03:03 PM

JL

“ Jimmy, Marsha, Lee & Lisa purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gertie V Burnett.



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**Jimmy, Marsha, Lee & Lisa** - March 16, 2025 at 11:03 PM

JL

“ Jimmy, Marsha, Lee & Lisa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gertie V Burnett.

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**Jimmy, Marsha, Lee & Lisa** - March 16, 2025 at 11:03 PM