



Katie Nelson

December 23, 1926 - February 10, 2020

Katie Nelson, 93, of Huntsville; died Monday, February 10, 2020, at Huntsville. She was born Thursday, December 23, 1926, at Alpena; to Clarence and Mary McGehee Edmondson.

Katie married Carl Paschal Nelson in Gentry on May 26, 1951; together, they raised six sons and one daughter. She was a homemaker who enjoyed flower gardening and quilting. Katie's main pleasure in life was investing in the lives of others. She never met a stranger, always cared for others first, and as a pastor's wife found her ministry in doing the job no one else wanted to do.

Katie was a member of First Baptist Church of Huntsville.

Katie was predeceased by her husband, Carl; and her firstborn, stillborn, infant daughter, Pamela Kay Nelson; who she never got to hold in life, and so very much looked forward to reuniting with in Heaven. She is also preceded in death by two sisters, Maxine Sherman and Nell Jordan; two brothers, Eudean Edmondson and Gene Edmondson; two step-sons, Jerry Nelson and Carl Nelson, Jr.; and one son-in-law, Ralph Shilling

Katie is survived by four sons and two daughters-in-law, Gayle Nelson of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; Randy and Janet Nelson of Livingston, Texas; Billy Mark and JoLynne Nelson of Huntsville; and Steve Nelson of Huntsville; one daughter, Mary Ann Shilling of Springdale; one brother and two sister-in-laws, Bud and Imogene Edmondson of Siloam Springs; and Mary Edmondson of Siloam Springs; one brother-in-law, Cecil Jordan of Decatur; nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Thursday, February 13, 2020, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM, Friday, February 14, 2020, at First Baptist Church Huntsville with Jack McCarty and Roger Robbins officiating. Pallbearers will be sons and grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be the Ladies Quilting Group of First Baptist Church. Interment will follow services at Gentry Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *My sincere sympathies to the Nelson Family. When I heard of her passing my first thought was an angel on earth is now one in Heaven. Always smiling, always gracious, always kind, always friendly.*

Lynn Stanphill Falls - February 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *We all loved Katie, she was so precious! Sorry to miss the service. David has had back surgery with a wound vac! Will be thinking and praying for the family!*

Joan Busby - February 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of your loss - and mine.*

Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith - February 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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CR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Katie was so sweet. She will be missed..*

Charlinda Reeves - February 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BN

“Katie was my MeMe and I had the sweet privilege of gathering certain facts about her while staying with her after a surgery she had. It is impossible to sum up a 93-year-old life, but the following are some of the precious things she shared with me that were a part of what made her Katie:

-Mother called her "Squeaky"

-Brothers called "Skook"

-Dad called the kids (the three youngest kids, I think, is what she said) "The Katzenjammer Kids" (cartoon in the paper about little kids always getting into things)

-Her father was a man of few words, her mother did most of the talking; he'd say what he wanted to say

-The farm was 125 acres; when she was in 3rd grade they started trading milk in town; her father traded milk for groceries; left milk in the stores for the store to sell, they would sell cream and milk door to door and especially in the stores. The old milk truck was what all of the kids would ride to school in, but they all had to walk home. Once going up a dirt road, Betty (maybe Becky?) Kipple fell out when the back door opened and they all looked back and she was sitting in the middle of the road; there were not many cars back then and theirs was the only vehicle to travel that way.

Somewhere I have recordings of more of her answers to my various, random questions that I had. I will dig them up and upload them somehow. I was asking these questions to help me remember who she was. Our last words were shared on February 8th and we exchanged "I love you." I will always love her. I will remember to always offer someone a seat, always have a joke ready to share, and always make sure no one was cold. She couldn't relax unless her companions were seated and had some kind of blanket over them. She is my MeMe and her immense kindness is impossible to forget.

Brett Nelson - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Steve and family, I am so sorry about your mother's passing. God has surely gained an angel, who will be missed greatly by those on this earth. Prayers, sympathy, and love to all.

Tammy Griggs Mata - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Katie and Mom were best friends in this life so the Lord let them both go to Heaven on the same day. I can see both of them now in Heaven holding the babies they lost on earth. What joy to know we will see them again some day.



Peggy Johnson - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Miss Katie was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever had the privilege to know May God bless y'all with comfort at this time She will be missed- Donna Miller

Donna Miller - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Prayers for the family !! Especially Steve Nelson your in my prayers
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Leann

Jim and Betty Obenshain - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Ms Katie will be missed! To know her was to love her, the sweetest lady I've ever known. Prayers for her family during this time of loss.*

Kellie McLoud Swaim - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Katie was a great lady! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.*



Woodrow and Debra Harmon - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss.*



Kim Hoskins - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *There is no one like your Mother. So sorry to hear about sweet Katie. The Nelson Family has always been special to us all.*

Laberta Keck Lashley - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To each of the family, it was a pleasure to have met your mother. She was a fine Christian lady, I am reminded of the verse in the Bible. Her children will arise and call her blessed. You were blessed to have her. and we were blessed to know her. I remember the last time I spoke to her, we had a wonderful visit. She not only loved the Lord, she loved those around her. I remember when she took the Accounting/bookkeeping class with me. May the Lord hold each of you in his loving arms. I know this is a difficult time for each of you. my prayers are with each of you.



Alvin L Herrington - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ She was a precious lady. Love and prayers to the family.

Joetta McCoy Smith - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Mary Ann and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was the best. She was so kind and caring. Everyone loved her and what a legacy she leaves. Praying for peace and comfort for you. Jamie Hargis Witmer

Jamie Witmer - February 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM