



## Othenia Leona Burkes

November 26, 1932 - July 29, 2024

Othenia Leona Burkes, 91, of Huntsville, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024, at her home. She was born on November 26, 1932, in Aurora, AR, to Olvie Lloyd and Minnie Esther (Boudrey) Hughes.

Othenia, affectionately known as Opie, was deeply loved by many, especially by her husband of nearly 64 years. Despite facing numerous hardships in her life, she met each challenge with strength and continued to find joy all around her. Opie had a special fondness for sending and receiving handwritten cards, particularly around Christmas. She welcomed many family members and friends into her home over the years, leaving each one with a unique piece of her wisdom and encouragement. Her wit and laughter will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Jimmy Ira Davis; two sons, Johnny Ira Davis and Michael Jay Davis; four brothers, Joel Nolan Hughes, Johnny Dale Hughes, Robert David Hughes, and Larry Dean Hughes; and three sisters, Frances Jean Barrett, Sally Jayne Laine, and Naomi Marie Holden.

She is survived by her husband, Earl C. Burkes; four daughters, Regenia and spouse Harlin Houston of Huntsville, AR, Vickie Duncan of Wesley, AR, Susan Tillery of Huntsville, AR, and Sheila and spouse Carl Sloan of Goshen, AR; one son, Jesse Burkes and spouse John Stewart; seven grandsons; two

granddaughters; two brothers, Jr. Olvie Lloyd Hughes and Gerald Wayne Hughes; one sister, Georgi Hughes Flowers; and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Brashears Funeral Home. Graveside service will be 9:00 AM, Friday, August 2, 2024, at Aurora Cemetery with Ben Byler officiating. Pallbearers will be Lance Davis, Chad Davis, Jonathan Davis, Dakota Sloan, Jackson Sloan, JP Stewart, and Josh Stewart. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice. Some of Opie's favorites are: the Aurora Cemetery, Paws & Claws Pet Shelter, and the Open Arms Pregnancy Center. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Cemetery Details

## Aurora Cemetery

Madison County Road #5675  
Huntsville, AR 72740

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

AUG 2. 9:00 AM (CT)

Aurora Cemetery  
Madison County Road #5675  
Huntsville, AR 72740

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ You don't know me, but, my mother, Mary Head, was a lifelong best friend of Othenia. They loved each other like sisters. My mom passed away a few years ago and I stayed in touch with Othenia. She was so kind to me and never failed to tell me she loved me. I'm deeply saddened to hear of her passing and send my condolences to Earl and her family. She's with the Lord now and I'm sure she and mom are catching up on all the news. No more pain or sorrows. With love, Jocelyn (Head) Hansen.

jocelyn hansen - December 28, 2024 at 05:30 PM

MF

“ Your family has always been wonderful neighbors to us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Middleton family.

Middleton Family - August 01, 2024 at 10:41 PM

IM

“ Inn At The Mill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Othenia Leona Burkes.

Inn At The Mill - August 01, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Othenia Leona Burkes.



August 01, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ *To each of her family, my prayers that the Lord will wrap His arms of love around each of you during this difficult time. Opie was a very wonderful lady, kind, loving and compassionate. May your memories of her stay with you each day for the rest of your life.*

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**Alvin L Herrington** - August 01, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ *Alvin L Herrington lit a candle in memory of Othenia Burkes*



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**Alvin L Herrington** - August 01, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *Such a sweet, sweet lady. My Dad thought the world of her. Prayers for the family*

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**Donna Phillips** - August 01, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Charles Gurley** - August 01, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Vicky and family.  
Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your mother. Prayers for you all.  
Woodrow and Debra Harmon*



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**Debra Harmon** - July 31, 2024 at 10:21 PM

TM

“ Dear Burkes family, I'm so sorry for your loss and wish words could fill the empty space left in Opie's passing. You were blessed to have her and may wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time. Prayers, condolences, and love to all.

Tammy Griggs Mata - July 31, 2024 at 10:19 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Othenia's passing. Her family will be in my thoughts and prayers!

Lyndell McCoy - July 31, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Othenia Leona Burkes.



July 31, 2024 at 05:27 PM

BA

“ Brent & Paula Tillery, Dee Dee Allison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Othenia Leona Burkes.

Brent & Paula Tillery, Dee Dee Allison - July 31, 2024 at 05:27 PM

TF

“ The O'Malley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Othenia Leona Burkes.

The O'Malley Family - July 31, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Othenia Leona Burkes.



July 31, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ Love, Phyllis Eddy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Othenia Leona Burkes.

Love, Phyllis Eddy - July 31, 2024 at 03:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Othenia Leona Burkes.



July 31, 2024 at 03:18 PM



“ Betty Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Othenia Leona Burkes.



Betty Williams - July 31, 2024 at 02:54 PM

BW

“ *She was a true lady, so classy and beautiful.  
My prayers and condolences to all her family.  
Gods bless you all 🙏🏻👍*

*Billie and Tommy Whorton*

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**Billie Whorton** - July 31, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Othenia Leona Burkes.*



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July 31, 2024 at 02:10 PM