



Virginia McElhaney

February 4, 1931 - December 1, 2024

Virginia Lee McElhaney, 93, of Fayetteville; passed away Sunday, December 1, 2024, at Ciel of Fayetteville. She was born Wednesday, February 4, 1931, at Alabam, to John R and Grace E Bell Goucher.

Virginia was a devoted mother to five children and worked for many years as a secretary at Farm Credit. A longtime member of the Church of Christ in Springdale, she was known for her kind and caring nature, always ready to lend a helping hand. Family was at the heart of her life—she was a loving grandmother and looked out for everyone with unwavering dedication.

Virginia was also a thoughtful planner, particularly when it came to investing and preparing for the future. Yet, she had a spontaneous side, often delighting her family with last-minute vacation plans. Her skills in the kitchen were exceptional, and she was cherished for the delicious meals she lovingly prepared.

Virginia was preceded in death by two husbands, Barney Harvey and Clatis McElhaney; two sons, Randy Harvey and Gary McElhaney, and her parents, John and Grace Goucher. She is survived by her one son, Michael Harvey, of Greenwood; two daughters and one son-in-law, Peggy Leach, of Greenland, and Linda and Travis Calico, of Hogeye; eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Virginia is also survived by two sisters and one brother-in-law,

Ardith and David Tackett, and Rita Sharp, both of Alabam.

The family will receive friends 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Thursday, December 5, 2024, at Brashears Funeral Home with Ken Parker officiating. Pallbearers will be Hunter Freed, John Tackett, Jonathan Harvey, Billy Goucher, and Cal Tackett. Interment will immediately follow services at Alabam Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Cemetery Details

Alabam Cemetery

355 Highway 127
Huntsville, AR

Previous Events

Receive Friends

DEC 4. 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/>

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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“ We will miss you grandma/great-grandma!



Amy Hall - December 04, 2024 at 10:52 AM

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Sheri Gay - December 04, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Virginia McElhanev.



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

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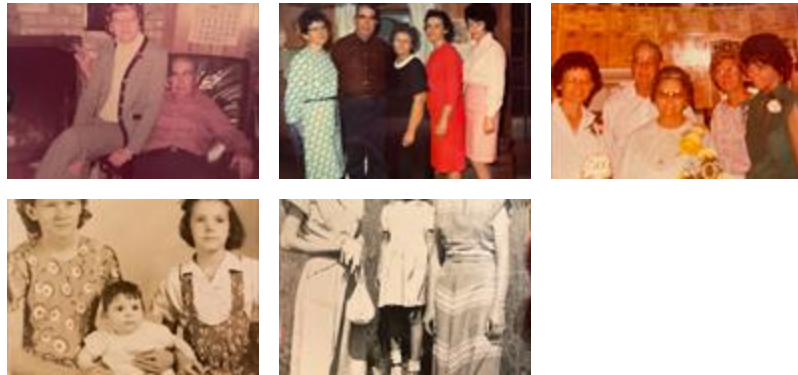
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Rita Sharp - December 03, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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“ I have fond memories of my big sister, Virginia growing up. She was twelve years older than me and was tasked with caring for me often while our mother, Grace worked. At times, I would tag along with her and her husband, Barney (whom I idolized) and he would often let me wear his Army jacket. Virginia and Barney enjoyed playing guitar and singing and when Virginia learned how to yodel, that always entertained me! Virginia faced many challenges in life, losing both her husbands and a son to illness, but she pressed on and managed to keep her sharp wit and sense of humor. She was a good sister and will be greatly missed.



Rita Sharp - December 03, 2024 at 03:36 PM