



## Dorothy Ballard Murphree

June 28, 1930 - November 29, 2015

Dorothy Parker Ballard Murphree, 85, went to be with her Heavenly Father Sunday, November 29, 2015. Born in Diablock, Kentucky, the sixth of ten children, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Cleveland Ballard; her son, Randall O'Neal Ballard; her husband, James Murphree; two sisters, Louise Gentry and Ruth Patterson; and four brothers, Robert Parker, Burl Parker, J.C. Parker, and Bill Parker.

She is survived by her three daughters, Vickie(Eddie) Snider, Deborah (Fred) Mantooth, and Cathy (Scott) Jackson; seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren; one sister, Faye(Jack) Wesson and two brothers, Kenneth Parker and Phillip Wayne(Helga) Parker; two sisters-in-law, Emogene Parker and Donna Parker, many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

"Dot" to her friends, "Boots" to her family, "Grandmother" and "Nanna Boots" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was the matriarch of a large extended family who, while her health allowed, loved to cook, bake cakes and quilt. As Psalm 40 reads, "I waited patiently for The Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a Rock, and established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth- Praise to our God."

Funeral service will be on Wednesday December 2, 2015 at 11:00 AM at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home with burial to follow at Highland Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cancer Society or to Grace Life Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Tribute Wall

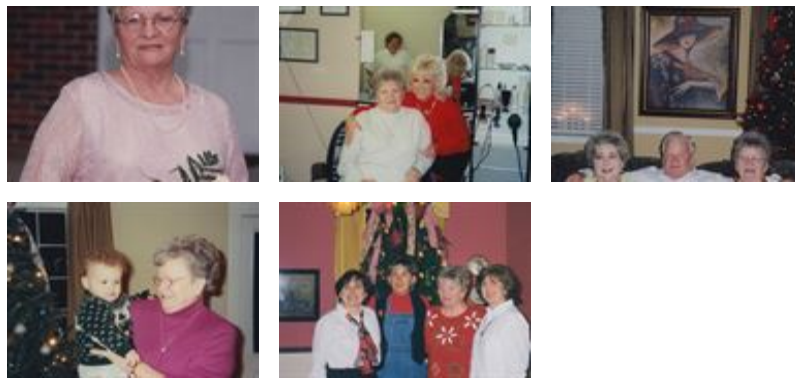


“ Prayers and much love to Aunt Dorothy's daughters and all family. She was such a special Aunt to me and the rest of our family. I loved her and it is hard to imagine life without her. She will be remembered as a true southern lady who was such a strong woman raising her family much of the time as a single mom. She will remain in my heart forever.

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