



## Olice O. Headley

July 26, 1930 - February 19, 2021

Olice Odell Headley of Bessemer, AL, passed away on February 19, 2021 at Plantation Manor Nursing Home. Born to Joe and Lizzie Smith on July 26 1930. Olice was a homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. She was preceded in death by Oliver A. Headley, husband of 72 years and loving daughter, Florence Headley.

She is survived by her daughter, Edna Hughes and her husband Olan Hughes and son, Ronald Headley and his wife Debra Headley; four grandsons, Jason Hughes and wife Kim, Jarrod Hughes and wife Brandy, Bronson Headley and wife Martha and Brodie Morehead; five great grandchildren, Jaden Hughes, Matthew Hughes, Lauren Hughes, Mycha Morehead and Houston Morehead; three sisters, Opal Oaks, Sarah Pilar and Julian Sanders; many nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Olice Headley is my favorite Aunt. Each summer during elementary school, I stayed one week with my Aunt and Uncle in Parkwood AL. Curren St. was filled with love, cousins, favorite foods, getting lost in the woods, playing with a German Shepherd named Lucky, a ride in my cousins blue Corvette, plenty of church and a good dose of discipline. She loved music, singing, good food, family and getting her hair done on Friday. She always looked her best for the Lord on Sunday. I loved her very much from an early age. Unable to say Aunt Olice as a toddler, I gave her the nickname Deke. For the next sixty years she insisted I call her Aunt Deke. During my last visit she asked to her choir music. I grabbed my phone and played recordings of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir singing the favorites Amazing Grace, It is Well with my Soul and Homeward Bound. Aunt Deke and I held hands as she sang and as I hummed through laughter and tears. Somehow, I knew that may be out last visit. Now I am comforted by that visit and the words of Homeward Bound. "Bind me not as my journey nears its end, set me free to find my calling and I'll be homeward bound." Godspeed Aunt Deke, Godspeed.*

*Dan Oaks, Nephew*

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**Dan Oaks** - February 21, 2021 at 12:39 PM

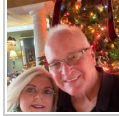


“ *Deborah Goldensmith lit a candle in memory of Olice O. Headley*



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**Deborah Goldensmith** - February 20, 2021 at 10:50 PM



*So sorry for your loss.*

**Deborah Goldensmith** - February 20, 2021 at 10:50 PM

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“ *Opal Oaks and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Olice O. Headley.*



**Opal Oaks and Family** - February 20, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Olice O. Headley.*



February 20, 2021 at 07:54 AM

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“ *During one of mine and mothers(opal) visits with Aunt Deke and Aunt Sarah Nell, I ask Aunt Sarah Nell how she liked her new room? She replied"not happy". Aunt Deke immediately replied "Sarah, you can choose to be happy in the Lord every day"! What a Godly woman! Regardless of her own circumstances, she was always happy in the Lord!! She is now Happy with the Lord! I love you and I will miss you!*

**Debbie Oaks** - February 19, 2021 at 10:54 PM

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*Being the youngest of the 10 Smith Children, I always had extra Mothers. Our Mother Liz was the best, but needed help with us younger ones. Having older Sisters was a blessing. When I was born Olice was already married, she had her own little Florence, who was more like a little sister to me, and then came Edna, and we were all little sisters. Olice was a mother to all of us. She loved nurtured all three of us the same. Those were wondering days to raise children and be children. Every weekend as they came to visit us on the Smith Farm we played all day outside only to come in to have lunch that Mommy and Olice had cooked so special for the whole Family. No one could cook like Mommy and Olice.*

*Olice mothered everyone loving and encouraging all of us. She was the best house cleaner of anyone in the family! That was her special gift. She loved helping others in using her gift. She was a faithful daughter in helping to take care of Mommy and Daddy in their old age. She and Oliver were always there to help when needed. Always faithful to our family.*

*We loved visiting her at the nursing home and bringing the doggies to come see her, so she could love on them. She always loved animals and they loved her right back. We will miss those visits. But we are so thankful she is with Jesus and out of her pain and suffering. Her joyful memories will be carried on through her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to pass on as her memory.*

*We love you Olice and know you are having a great Family Reunion with all those gone on before us and Jesus is the Special Guest! You are blessed! 🙏 Julian Inez #10*

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**Julian Inez Sanders** - February 22, 2021 at 11:32 AM