



Clonnie Joyce Birdsong

January 19, 1921 - June 12, 2017

Mattoon, IL - Clonnie J. Birdsong, age 96, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 4:40 p.m., on June 12, 2017, at the Odd-Fellow Rebekah Home.

The funeral service in her honor will begin at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2017, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend Dr. John Calio will officiate. Interment will follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the service begins.

Born January 19, 1921, in Hichita, OK, Clonnie was the daughter of James C. and Rachel (Davis) Burleyson. She married Ancel Lee Birdsong on January 28, 1939, in Lane, OK. He passed away March 8, 1998. Survivors include four children, Carroll Lee Birdsong and wife Linda of Creal Springs, IL, Patricia Joyce Karp and husband Neil of Dorr, MI, Harold David Birdsong and wife Sharon of Aldrich, MO, and Darold Dean Birdsong and wife Diane of Mattoon, IL; nine grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one step grandchild, one step great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, three sisters, one grandson, and one step grandson.

Mrs. Birdsong was member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Mattoon and for many years, worked at Knowles Café. Cooking and baking were a labor of love for her and she also enjoyed the outdoors fishing and gardening. Crocheting and knitting were among her talents. She was a passionate fan of

University of Illinois Basketball.

Memorials in her honor are requested to the First Southern Baptist Church
Parking Lot Fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or
share a memory with her family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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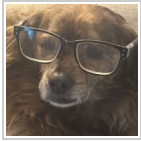
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Tribute Wall



“ *Clonnie Joyce Birdsong*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *I fondly remember Mrs. Birdsong well! Clonnie and her husband, Ancel, were fixtures at our church while I was growing up. Clonnie was a beautiful, soft-spoken, Godly woman with a wonderful family. I remember she always had delicious dishes to share at church events. Her smiling eyes and hugs always made me feel safe and loved. Anytime we drove past their house, she was usually out working in her flower beds or sitting on the front porch watching the cars go by.... She and her family were and are an asset to the Mattoon community and she will be remembered well. Love to you all.*

Nina King Milliner

Nina Milliner - June 17, 2017 at 12:00 PM

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I also remember Clonnie and Angel at church. She was always kind to us. I was close to the age of her twin sons, Dean and David. Love and prayers for you all.

Marcia King Bloom - June 17, 2017 at 02:00 PM