



## Mrs. Dorothy Ilene Browning Jackson

August 23, 1931 - May 25, 2017

Dorothy I. Jackson, 85, of Joy, Arkansas was ushered through the portals of Heaven on May 25, 2017 while surrounded by loved ones. A beloved sister shouted "Thank you, Jesus!" upon her passage from this world, aptly expressing the feelings of all who knew and loved her. She had been taken care of lovingly by her husband, Sonny, and sister in law, Sharon Vaughan.

Dorothy was born in Nady, Arkansas on August 23, 1931 to James Riley Browning and Viola Clark Browning. She graduated from DeWitt High School, even though she was unable to attend school most of the each week due to caring for her critically ill mother and two much younger siblings.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Sonny; six stepchildren; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; five sisters and one brother. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Jupe Ellis; and one brother.

She worked as a foreman at the Searcy and DeWitt shoe factories for 45 years. In addition to her busy work schedule, she and Sonny owned and operated The Rainbow Ranch for many years. It greatly amused her friends and family that no matter how many animals they had , that she always named each and every one of them. She and Sonny enjoyed camping in their RV, and attending countless Bluegrass festivals over the years. They also

loved antique car shows, and won numerous awards with their entries. Sometimes they would have 3 entries, and would often win best of class, first place by category, and best of show. Dorothy loved playing cards with family and friends. She was so competitive, and countless hours were spent playing pitch with her friends and family. She and Sonny attended Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Joy for nearly 30 years.

Funeral services, officiated by Bro. Harold Hansel and Bro. Jerry Taylor, will be 11:00 am Tuesday, May 30 at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Joy with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Burial will be in DeWitt Cemetery in DeWitt, AR, at 4:00 pm. Visitation in DeWitt will be at 3:30 at Essex Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *She will be missed, even though I didn't see her often. I still have memories of Aunt Dorothy.* ”

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**Diane Ellis Johnson** - April 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM

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“ *You will be truly missed. Thank you for making my uncle sonny a very happy man all those years.* ”

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**CYRISSA JACKSON** - April 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM