



Mrs. Helen Irene Smith Vansandt

October 1, 1931 - June 18, 2016

Helen Irene Vansandt, of DeWitt, AR was born on October 1, 1931. She went to be with her Lord on June 18, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Vansandt; her parents, Vernon and Mae Helen Smith; two brothers, Jimmy and Buddy Smith; and two sisters Barbara Jean Smith and Patsy Sanders. She is survived by her son Darryll Vansandt (Hazel) of DeWitt; daughters Sheila Harvey of Vilonia, AR, Marsha Burlack (Paul) of Gainsville, GA, Joyce Watson of Cordova, TN, and Sally Simpson (Larry) of DeWitt, AR; grandchildren Jason Harvey, John and David Bohannon, Nicole Kitchen, Russell Watson, Angela Foster and Ira Burlack; great grandchildren Aaron, Jessie, Alex, Maggie, Riley, Chloe, Bradley, Cassidy, Christian, and Charles. Irene was a homemaker early in life living on a farm in Ethel, AR. Later she became a nurse and began working at Crestpark Nursing Home then moved to Stuttgart Hospital where she worked until retirement. Irene was a member of First Baptist Church of DeWitt. Irene was very active in the community, she was a member of the Home Extension Club and was a Master Gardner. She helped to start a 4-H club when her children were at home and continued in 4-H for many years becoming an outstanding leader in the county and state mentoring many club members throughout this time. Irene was a very caring person, her sweet laughter will be missed by her family and many dear friends.

Visitation is Monday, June 20, 2016 from 6:30 to 7:30 at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services are Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 10:00 at First Baptist Church

in DeWitt with Bro. Jimmy Albrecht officiating. Interment will follow at Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens by Essex Funeral Home. www.essexfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

BB

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother. I didn't know her but heard a lot about her from Shelia. Rest in Peace!

Becky Beattie - April 27, 2018 at 01:04 PM

SL

“ So sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Byron & Sissy Long.

Sissy Long - April 27, 2018 at 01:04 PM

RB

“ Sheila, Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.

Ricky & Janice Bates - April 27, 2018 at 01:04 PM

DM

“ She will be missed very much! she was my 4-H teacher and most of all a family friend. so sorry for your loss.

donna morgan - April 27, 2018 at 01:04 PM