



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Byers Hornbeck

May 28, 1929 - June 8, 2017

Mary Elizabeth Byers Hornbeck, 88, of Hot Springs, AR, passed away June 8, 2017. She was born May 28, 1929 in Crocketts Bluff, ARR to Benjamin Franklin and Mary Alice Inman Byers.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband C.W. Hornbeck; and two brothers Willard and Charles Byers.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Larry Hornbeck and Melinda of Texarkana, TX, and Randy Hornbeck and Jo of Hot Springs, AR; six grandchildren Amanda Hornbeck, Elizabeth Hornbeck, Gary Hornbeck (Claudia), Si Hornbeck (Anna), Emily Loy (Brad), and Benjamin Hornbeck (Abbey); four great grandchildren Ethan and Eli Hornbeck and Skylen and Evie Loy; and one sister Willie Mae Oliver of Corpus Christi, TX.

Mary lived, loved, and put her faith in Jesus. She loved spending time in her garden and also with her family.

Her family is appreciative for the wonderful givers at Lake Hamilton Health and Rehab and the doctors and nurses at Arkansas Hospice.

Funeral services will be 3:00 June 11 at Essex Funeral Home with visitation one hour before. Burial will in DeWitt Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Lib was my favorite aunt. She always rocked me in the rocking chair even as a grown woman. Since we both wouldn't fit in one rocker we rocked side by side. I think of her every I see or use a rocking chair. My condolences to her family and her sister, Willie (my mom).

Terri Young - April 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM

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“ I was very saddened today when I asked about her and was told she had passed away. I met Mrs. Hornbeck at Lake Hamilton Health and Rehab as she lived on the same hall as my mom. I looked forward to visiting with her and hearing her stories. I spent quite a bit of time with her. I adopted a dog and she loved to play with him. I have missed her since she was gone and kept checking on her. I know she will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family now and in the coming days. God bless each one of you.

Jane Ann Copeland - April 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM

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willie oliver - April 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM

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“ Ms Lib was always so sweet. I remember their house in Bradley vividly. And honestly I believe she was the only person outside our actual family that babysat me as a youngin. She was such a sweet lady and I do wish I would have been able to get to know her as an adult. They had moved by the time I got out of high school. Just know my thought and prayers are with you and yours.

Bryan Whisenhunt - April 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM

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“ I know we shouldn't have favorites, but sometimes it just can't be helped. Aunt Lib was definitely my favorite Aunt. Some of my best memories will be the summer I stayed with her and Uncle Zeke when I was about fourteen. I learned from her as she took care of her family. She cooked huge lunches for her boys and had it ready for when they came in hungry from a hard day on the farm. She made the best roast with rice and gravy. (Yum! My favorite meal now.) I set the table for her and couldn't wait til the guys arrived so we could eat! I helped her with housework and went with her shopping in Spring Hill. She always stopped on the way home and bought us an Icey. She wanted one every bit as much as I did! If a favorite song came on the radio, she would have fun and sing some of the lyrics out loud with me. One time we went shopping for her a new blouse, she would try it on and say, "Honie, what do you think? Do you like it?" I would tell her yes, then she would say, "Well, I don't know Honie, do you really like it , or are you just saying that? Well, I think I will buy it. No, I'm not sure. Well, okay. Do you really like it?" Then she would buy the blouse, take it home, try it on again, then repeat above conversation with me. Eventually the blouse went back to the store. In reflecting on this memory, I realize I am just like her! Decision making is one of the hardest things for me. This must run in the family as my 7 year old granddaughter is carrying on this trait! My Aunt Lib was a kind, caring, generous person. She will forever be with me as she lives on in my memories and I am grateful for having had the special "one on one" time that I had with her. My prayers are with the family and her sister, Willie (my mom).

JERRI RICE - April 27, 2018 at 12:50 PM