



## Bessie Ferguson Diket

October 5, 1912 - January 26, 2015

Bessie Ferguson Diket, 102 years of age, passed away January 26, 2015, at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS, surrounded by her family. She was the last surviving child born to Henry Jackson Cameron Ferguson & Elizabeth McNair Ferguson, on Oct. 5, 1912, in Learned, MS. She graduated from Hinds Agricultural High School and Hinds Community College before becoming employed with the Federal Land Bank where she met & married Merrill Diket, later moving to Canton, MS, where they owned and operated Madison County Equipment Co. before Mr. Diket's premature death in 1951. After selling the John Deere dealership, Mrs. Diket held a number of positions the last of which was Assistant Administrator of Madison County Nursing Home in Canton. In 1980, Mrs. Diket relocated to Laurel, MS, to be nearer her children and joined the First Baptist Church of Laurel. For fifteen years she lived at Wesley Manor in Hattiesburg. She returned to Comfort Care in Laurel in 2012 where she resided until her death. Although her physical health had failed, her mental faculties were amazing and her new passion was playing Bingo with her friends and family. Mrs. Diket was pre-deceased by her parents, Henry Jackson Cameron Ferguson and Elizabeth McNair Ferguson, husband, Merrill Edward Diket, Sr., eleven siblings and their spouses. She is survived by Gwendolyn Stephens of Semmes, AL, Merrill Edward Diket, Jr. (Dr. Read Diket) of Laurel, Linda Walters of Laurel & Deborah Smith (Curtis) of Hattiesburg. She is also survived by grandchildren Robbie Everett, III (Paula) of North Dighton, MA, John Everett (Michelle), of Semmes, AL, Cameron

Diket (Jenna), Jackson,MS, Melissa Scarafoni (Matt), Pittsfield,MA, Tally Scully (Michael), Riverbend, CA. Rev. Bud Putnam (Tracie)), Picayune, MS, Jeff Putnam (Lu), Picayune, MS, Wesley Putnam, Picayune,MS., Lauren Land (Rev. Kendal), Longview, TX, & Anna Gospodinovich, (Matt), New Orleans, LA,. In addition, she is survived by eleven great-grandchildren. Services will be at Memory Chapel on Friday, January 30th with visitation from 9:30 to 10:30AM and memorial service at 10:30AM with graveside rites in Canton,MS. At 3PM.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Diket's death. I am praying for God's comfort for your family. My mother, Doris Mansell, also sends her condolences.

Jane Mansell Chamberlain - February 02, 2015 at 03:19 PM

BJ

“ Mr Ed, I am so sorry about your Mom. It looks like she lived a long full life and you were blessed to have her for so long! I miss seeing you and visiting at the drug store! I don't know if you know it but we are raising my daughters 2 grandchildren so needless to say they keep me busy! I just wanted to tell you how sorry I am about your Mom! Take care

Beth Sims Jones - February 01, 2015 at 09:36 AM

CT

“ So, so sorry we couldn't be there in person. You know how much we loved her & are thankful that God has called her home to perfection. Love and condolences to all of the family,

Charles & Sally Twiddy - January 29, 2015 at 09:47 PM

LW

“ Remembering your love one in prayers with sympathy and Christian love! Cherish your memories! Linda G. Walton

Linda G. Walton - January 29, 2015 at 07:58 PM

SR

“ Mr. Ed and sisters, Words are not enough to tell you how honored I was to care for Ms. Bessie at CCNC. She blessed me daily by telling me she loved me and giving me a hug. She could always make me smile. She was a delight. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. May God hold your family in the palm of his hand and give you comfort.

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**Susan Johnson, RN** - January 29, 2015 at 07:57 PM

DB

“ Dear Deborah,  
I am saddened to learn of the death of your mother. I haven't seen her since our high school days (a year or two ago) but I've always had fond memories of her. I've also always admired her since you lost your father at such a young age. Even though I cannot be at the service, I want you and your family to know my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
With deepest sympathy, I am,  
Sincerely,  
David Byrd

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**David Byrd** - January 29, 2015 at 07:14 PM

SB

“ Prayers for you in your loss of your mother, Sharon Barham

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**Sharon Barham** - January 29, 2015 at 12:30 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Diket's passing. I thought the world of her. My husband and I bought the family home in Canton, MS on Dinkins Street in 1980. I was always grateful to her for helping us out. She was always such a lady. My thoughts and prayers to each of her family members. Jana McNair

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**Jana McNair** - January 29, 2015 at 11:52 AM

BH

“ *May your deep faith and cherished memories sustain you in the death of this remarkable woman.*

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**Barbara Hamilton** - January 29, 2015 at 08:58 AM

GS

“ *Ed, we are so sorry about your loss. We lost our sweet mother this month, also. We are praying for you and your family. Gina Welborn Stewart*

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**Gina Stewart** - January 28, 2015 at 10:20 PM

JG

“ *I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MRS. DIKET WAS A SPECIAL LADY---JEANETTE*

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**jeanette gatlin** - January 28, 2015 at 11:48 AM

BU

“ *I am saddened to hear of Ms Diket's passing. She shared a room at Comfort Care with my mother for a short while and I thought a lot of her. In fact I recently visited your mom but I don't think she knew I was there. It is sad to lose a loved one but we know there is a better place where there will be no suffering.*

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**Bonnie Gavin Ulmer** - January 28, 2015 at 10:58 AM

AB

“ *Sorry for your loss. God bless you with comfort and peace.*

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**Amy Busby** - January 28, 2015 at 10:19 AM