



## Lottie Edelle Sumrall Howell

September 10, 1914 - May 19, 2016

Lottie Edelle Sumrall Howell, 101, passed away peacefully May 19, 2016, at her home in Sacramento, California with her beloved son, Rufus, by her side.

Lottie Edelle was born to Nellie Parker Sumrall and John Linton Sumrall on September 10, 1914. She grew up on 1st Avenue in Laurel and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. In 1941, she married Rufus Benton Howell. They proudly welcomed their son, Rufus Benton Howell, Jr., into the world in March of 1945. Sadly, Lottie Edelle lost her husband, the love of her life, two years later when young Rufus was two.

Surrounded by family, Lottie Edelle lived in Laurel for 47 years before moving to California, where she worked in the airline industry and for the federal government. She loved her life in California but she continued to stay connected with her family in Mississippi throughout her life.

Lottie loved her many vacations in Hawaii and she treasured nothing more than her time with her son, Rufus. She was a talkative, friendly person who always made friends easily. She loved her daily outings to the Starbucks in her neighborhood in Sacramento. All of the baristas knew her favorite drink and they knew that she loved to sit on their sunny deck with her son, Rufus, and their dog, Freddie, and take in the neighborhood activity.

Lottie Edelle is survived by her son, Rufus Benton Howell, Jr., her sister-in-law, O'Dell Sumrall, and her many nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be conducted by Reverend Mark Anderson, of First United Methodist Church, at Hickory Grove Cemetery on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery  
Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Charles Hudson lit a candle in memory of Lottie Edelle Sumrall Howell*



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**charles Hudson** - June 26, 2016 at 08:08 AM

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*Remembering Your Beautiful Mother, Rufus, and Her Sweet Spirit!!!!  
You've Been Blessed!!!*

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**charles Hudson** - June 26, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lottie Edelle Sumrall Howell.*



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May 28, 2016 at 09:38 AM