



## Melva Margaret Morgan

August 14, 1920 - May 17, 2014

Melva Margaret Bilbo Morgan (August 14, 1920 - May 17, 2014), age 93, passed away at her home on Saturday, May 17, surrounded by members of her family. Visitation will take place from 6-8 pm. on Friday, May 23, at Memory Chapel, with services at West Laurel Church of God on Saturday, May 24, 2014 with a brief visitation at 10:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m. She was a lifelong member of West Laurel Church of God, a graduate of Pearl River Junior College, and co-owner with her husband of Hezekiah Salvage Company in Laurel, MS.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, John Hezzie Morgan, her parents, Cyrus and Ida Bilbo of Poplarville, MS, her brothers Cecil and Neville (Cotton) Bilbo, and sister, Grace Baughman of Poplarville, MS.

She is survived by her son, Joe Morgan (Betty) of Laurel, MS, and her daughter, Janet Morgan Landreth of Fort Collins, CO; five grandchildren, Hobie Landreth of Denver, CO, Shelley Morgan Boss (David) of Laurel, MS, Stephen Morgan (Ashley) of Mobile, AL, Phillip Landreth (Jennifer) of Denver, CO, and Terry Morgan (Jan) of Littleton, CO; eight great-grandchildren, Brandi Morgan Richardson (Brandon) of Mobile, AL, Morgan Boss Burkle (Patrick) of Moselle, MS, Brittany Boss Bell (James) of Laurel, MS, Anna Marie Morgan of Mobile, AL, Joseph Morgan and Benjamin Morgan of Littleton, CO, Clara Landreth and Adam Landreth of Denver, CO, and two great-great-grandchildren, Macy Burkle and Pryce Burkle of Moselle, MS. She is also survived by her brothers Jim Bilbo (Carolyn) of Cleveland, TN, Ray Bilbo

(Helen) of Prairieville, LA, and Paul Bilbo (Betty) of Poplarville, MS and her sisters, Mary Gilmore of Plymouth Meeting, PA, Alma Castleberry (Richard) of Poplarville, MS; three Morgan sister-in-laws, Helen Morgan Butler, Lula Bea Morgan Lowe, and Emmy Morgan Beal all of the Columbia, MS area, and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to sincerely thank their Mother/Grandmother's caretaker, Mrs. Darlene Hicks of Laurel, MS, for her care and devotion to their Mother/Grandmother over the last two years.

Pallbearers will be Stephen Morgan, Terry Morgan, Phil Landreth, David Boss, Patrick Burkle, James Bell, Brandon Richardson and Will Smith. Honorary Pallbearers are Joseph Morgan, Benjamin Morgan and Adam Landreth.

Memory Chapel is in charge of funeral arrangements. To view and sign the family guestbook, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ *My life changed for the better in having known both her and Hezzie. They have special places in my heart and I can never repay the kindness they extended to me in my youth. I am a better person today because of them*

Martha Parker - May 29, 2014 at 04:46 PM

FF

“ *Sorry I can't be there I'm out of town, hated to hear the news She was a beautiful person inside and out always a kind word and love for everyone she met, love to all the family praying God's hand be on u all love you*

Freida Fry - May 23, 2014 at 09:12 PM

AM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Angela & Phillip Manning - May 23, 2014 at 03:20 PM

HS

“ *Janet, I am so sorry to hear about your mother.*

Harry Shoemake - May 22, 2014 at 12:02 PM

CD

“ *Shelley, Morgan and Brittany! My thoughts and prayers are with you all! I remember many slumber party's and Sunday meals at mawmaw Morgans! I loved that precious lady dearly! Love and prayers to your whole family!*

Charity Davis Darst - May 20, 2014 at 01:57 PM

DH

“ From the very first day I met this precious lil lady she touched my heart! My life is forever changed with the Love and care she showed her Family and how her family took extra special care of her! Her love for Jesus was there in everything she did. I shall miss this sweet lil lady but I kno one sweet day I will see her again:) I'm forever grateful that I had the chance to get to know her and her precious loving Family...

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**Darlene Hicks** - May 19, 2014 at 07:43 PM

FR

“ Joe and Janet, Feeling sad today hearing about Mrs. Morgan. I cannot come up with the words to fully express how much I respect and loved your mother. Your mother and my grandmother Ruby Windham I consider the grandest of all ladies. God's blessing to you both during this time and for always. Frankie Rucker (frank.rucker@mzbc.net)

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**Frankie Rucker** - May 19, 2014 at 10:51 AM

SH

“ Joe and Janet-- I was so sorry to hear of your mother's death. I remember her so fondly from church when I was young--she was just great at putting together dramas for us all to participate in. And, Janet, she was very generous in loaning some of your recital gowns for me when I needed a formal for some event. I know you will miss her, but you can rest assured that she will live on in the memories she made for others. A sweet, sweet spirited lady! Shirley

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**Shirley Jones Hilton** - May 19, 2014 at 10:23 AM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. God bless you during this time.

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**Amy Busby** - May 18, 2014 at 09:28 PM

VP

“ *We are sorry for your loss.*

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**Verne & Erliss Pung** - May 18, 2014 at 07:20 PM

PG

“ *Mrs. Morgan was one of the nicest women I ever met. Truly a child of God. I was employed with them in 1971...summers and Saturdays and after school. What a blessing she was.*

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**Paula Collins Graham** - May 18, 2014 at 04:46 PM