



Nelma Rae Jones Howard

July 10, 1930 - March 20, 2015

Graveside services for Nelma Rae Jones Howard, age 84, will be held at Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. officiated by Bro. Jimmy Holder and Bro. Bill Myers. A short visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday prior to the graveside services.

Nelma went home to be with her Heavenly Father on March 20, 2015, to reunite with her late husband, Pete Howard, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's at her daughter's home in Denham Springs, LA surrounded by her loving family.

Nelma was born on July 10, 1930 to Selma Smith Jones and John Ray Jones in Laurel, MS where she called home. She was a retired nurse from the State of Louisiana. Before her illness she loved and lived her life for her late husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Also before her illness, she was an avid animal lover, enjoyed flowers, sewing, gospel music, gospel concerts, and traveling with her family, especially her late husband and special aunt, Eloise Pryor.

Nelma was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Johnny Ray Jones; and many family and friends.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda (Randall) Culpepper of Laurel, MS, Brenda Mizell of Denham Springs, LA and Dean Behrnes of Zachary, LA; seven grandchildren, Nub (Angela) Culpepper, Tori (Tony) Thornsberry, and Robert (Robin) Smith all of Laurel, MS, Tracy Culpepper of Pontotoc, MS,

Renee Jarreau of Denham Springs, LA, and Sonny Behrnes and Selena (Jon) Harvin all of Zachary, LA; and nineteen great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be great grandsons, Zach, Kaleb, Jerod, Ethan and Brock Culpepper, Tony Thornsberry, and Madison Jarreau. Honorary pallbearers are Robert and Mack Smith.

The family wants to express gratitude for the caregivers at New Century Hospice, Paula, Tasha and Deanna, for all their dedication and care.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda, I was saddened to hear of your loss. You gave your wonderful Mom the greatest gift of all.....love. The star in your halo will shine forever. Kay Aycock Lyons*

Kay Aycock Lyons - May 27, 2015 at 10:53 PM

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“ *Dearest Ms. Brenda, you are the most beautiful daughter and blessing for your Mom. Your compassion and dedication surpasses unconditional love and shows the beauty in your soul as well as your mom's. I wish you peace and rest knowing that you have given all of yourself. To: Renee, Madison, Jenna, Miranda and Mallory: just know you were the light in Ms. Nelma's life and she adored you all. I wish you to be able to look forward in peace with beautiful memories that are all your own. Much love from Traci, David and Alex Parrish*

Traci Parrish - March 22, 2015 at 06:07 PM

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“ *Love you bunches.*

Robbie Watts and family - March 21, 2015 at 07:02 PM