

Obituaries



Charles Thomas "Bubba" Ames

Funeral services for Charles Thomas Ames, 72 of Monterey, LA will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Lismore Baptist Church at 10 am, with Bro. Ken Gilmore officiating. Interment will follow at Lismore Baptist Church Cemetery, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home.

Bubba Ames was born August 27, 1948 in Jonesville, LA., and passed away Saturday, October 31, 2020. He was a resident of Monterey and a member of Lismore Baptist Church, where he was an active member. He is known

as Uncle Bubba to all. Bubba proudly served his country in the US Army he was awarded the Silver Star Metal and Meritorious Service Metal. He was someone who always helped others. Bubba loved having coffee and checking on his friends and neighbor's throughout the community. He also did woodwork as a hobby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Linnie Ames, brother, JD Ames, sister, Catherine Kidd, sister, Betty Bonneau and brother, Dewey Ames.

Bubba is survived by a host of nieces and nephews, he loved them as if they were his own. He is also survived by lifelong friends, Morris and Gloria Willson.

Pallbearers are Zane Ames, Jeff Ames, Taylor McCaughey, Jesse Poole, Brad Mount and George Book.

Honorary pallbearers are Morris Willson, Jack Mount, Pete Wheeler, Matthew Avery, Cam Avery and A.G. Green.

To leave an online condolence for the family please visit www.youngsfh.com.

Barbara Jean Stone

Barbara Jean Stone passed away on October 30th, 2020 at the age of 86. She is survived by her two sisters and brother, LaVerne McCluskey, Wanda Parker, and Harold Smith; as well as her children, Robin Stone and his wife Linda, Lewis Stone and his wife Peggy, and Katy Stone Miller and her husband Tom. In addition are Jean's five grandchildren – Heather, Brian, Sarah, Jennifer, and Jake – and her three great-grandchildren – Samuele, Ryan, and Anna Claire. Barbara is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. James L. Stone; parents, Jake and Velma Smith; and her sister, Marilyn Capps.

Jean is best remembered for being a warm and welcoming host, with all her children and grandchildren gathering every summer and winter at her home on the Ouachita River. She

loved decorations and Christmas especially; as well as decorating her own tree, she also decorated her church's tree for many years. When she wasn't entertaining her favorite guests, Jean loved reading and gardening. She was also a member of the Jonesville First Baptist Church for more than 25 years and frequently taught Sunday school.

Jean graduated valedictorian of the Class of 1952 at Jena High School. She went on to Mississippi College in Clinton, MS, to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She worked as a teacher at Jonesville Junior High School until retiring in 1996 but continued to teach Sunday school long after her retirement.

Memories of our time together will last a lifetime. From summer days spent laughing

and talking along the banks of the river, to Christmas Eves alight with twinkling colors, nothing could be more precious. The love and care Jean put into her every day with us is something that cannot be replaced but will never be forgotten.

Whether she was our teacher, mother, grandmother, or gracious host...

We love you, Jean.

Pallbearers will be Jake Miller, Austin Shotwell, Stacy Parker, Bobby Parker, Eric Steitz, and Howard Hardie.

Funeral services for our beloved Jean were held on Monday, November 2nd, 2020 at Jonesville First Baptist Church at 2pm with Brother Todd Whittington. Interment followed to Woodlawn Memorial Park in Jena, LA. To leave an online condolence for the family please visit www.youngsfh.com.

Vyriee Sandidge Creel



Vyriee Sandidge Creel, also known as Mama, Maw, Mamaw, or Oldest Mamaw, was ushered into the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at The Columns Community Care Center in Jonesville, La. She was born in Enterprise, La., on March 02, 1931, to Riley and Jenny Sandidge as a 10 ½ pound bouncing bundle. It was then that the search was on for her name. The story is that an uncle name her "Vyriee" and declared that it meant "pretty baby". She grew up on the hill in Enterprise with her five siblings.

She loved the outdoors and enjoyed helping her dad with outside activities. She attended Enterprise

High School and was a member of the EHS basketball team. Many stories were told of her years there with classmates, teammates, and coaches she loved. She was a member of the 1948 graduating class of EHS. Upon graduating, she moved to Lafayette where she took a job and lived with her beloved uncle and aunt of whom were like brother and sister being so close in age. It was here that she met the love of her life while attending the "Minnie Pearl" show. She caught the eye of a young lad from Manifest, LA, by the name of Daniel Alden Creel. They were later married, and so the legacy began that would last for over 70 years. After the lad graduated from Southwestern University, now known as ULL, they embarked upon their journey together first in Kilbourne, La., then later returning to Catahoula Parish. Two sons were born within a year of each other. Then nine years later, a daughter would arrive upon the scene. The family made their home on the hill in Enterprise.

Mrs. Vyriee served

Jesus, her family, and community. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a fixture of New Ouachita Baptist Church where she served as Sunday School teacher, teaching children in word and in song. At times, she would fill in as congregational song leader. In younger years, she also sang in a quartet. She loved singing praises to her Savior. Even as her health declined, she always kept a song in her heart.

In earlier years, her care-taking skills were put into use when she worked at the Catahoula Parish Hospital in Jonesville, La. She was in her element there as she had always longed to be a nurse. Later, she would work at Enterprise High School as a para-professional where she worked with youngsters who still remember her fondly today.

Mostly she was a wonderful example of a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker. She was most happy taking care of her family. Her grandchildren remember her homemade pump-

kin pies and chocolate pies. There were many memorable trips loading up in the truck and heading to the hills with grandchildren to pick blackberries and then return to make her delicious fresh blackberry cobbler. She enjoyed working alongside "Paw" raising potatoes, pumpkins, and other bounty. In early years, the grandsons would come in after a day of rambunctious play on the hillside to her "real cheese" sandwiches and the famous French toast, which the boys named, "The Recipe".

As her health declined in recent years, she remained strong in her unwavering faith. In spite of the many physical obstacles she faced, she displayed an amazing strength. She looked forward to going to her Heavenly home especially after she lost her beloved "Paw". Now we are rejoicing that they are reunited and forever together!

Vyriee is preceded in death by her beloved husband of over 70 years, Daniel Alden aCreel, her parents, and five siblings: Jodie Sandidge, Delbert San-

didge, C.D. "Bud" Sandidge, Mildred Reitzammer, and Jean Miletello; grandson – Broc Creel, great-granddaughter – Brittany White, sister-in-law/brother-in-law – Audrey and Ed Cotton.

She is survived by her children, Kent (Vicky) of Harrisonburg, La., Calvin (Nancy) of Vidalia, La., daughter Velita (Todd) of Columbia, La.; nine grandchildren: Brian Creel, Brad Creel, Amy Creel, Brent Creel (Stacy), Gavin Creel (Natalie), Tate Creel, April Bass (Dallas) and Daniel Griffin (Margo), and 20 great grandchildren. She leaves behind very special friends Jerry, Joyce, and Justin Eubanks who have devoted endless hours of love and support to this family. She also leaves behind her beloved first cousin (like a sister) Madlon Chisum.

Pallbearers were Justin Eubanks, James Sandidge, Neal Sandidge, Earnie Sandidge, William Miletello, Glen McCormack, Nathan Roark, and Jimbo Lewis. Honorary pallbearers were NOBC deacons and Lavon Smith and RE McGuffee. The family

would like to give special thanks to caregivers: Margaret Franklin, Linda Higgenbotham, Rhonda Smith, Cassie Sandidge (for filling in during school break), and Sandra Simmons for their devotion and care. Also thanks to others who have helped over the last few years. Thank you to Ms. Peggy King for all the Saturday at-home hairdos over the last few years. Special thanks to All Saints Hospice for their kind and compassionate care (Taylor and Lacy). A very special thanks to Chandice Boothe for her unwavering devotion during our mom's stay at The Columns. Thanks to all staff members at The Columns Community Care.

Service was held at New Ouachita Baptist Church in Enterprise, La., on Sunday, November 01, 2020, at 2 pm with Bro. James King officiating. Interment followed at Old Catahoula Cemetery in Enterprise, La., under the direction of Young's Funeral Home of Jonesville, La. Memorial donations may be made to Old Catahoula Church Cemetery fund.



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