



Betty Berlene Fortner

December 6, 2020 - December 6, 2020

Betty Berlene Fortner age 93 of Phil Campbell died Sunday December 6, 2020. Visitation will be Tuesday December 8, 2020 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville with 1 p.m. chapel service.

Officiating will be grandson Tim Dodd. Burial will be in Phil Campbell Cemetery.

She is preceded in death by parents, George and Ardillia Beilhart; husbands James R. Fortner and Bud Thrasher; son John Fortner; and six siblings.

Survivors are son, Glen Fortner (Karen) of Pensacola, Florida; daughter Lenda Dodd (Grady) of Hartselle, Alabama; sister Bonnie Hernden; six grandchildren; host of loving great and great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and other family members.

Arrangements were made at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville, Alabama.

Cemetery Details

Phil Campbell Cemetery

Phil Campbell, AL

Previous Events

Pinkard Funeral Home Russellville

DEC 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
<http://www.pinkardfh.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 1:00 PM.

Pinkard Funeral Home Russellville

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Betty, but happy knowing she is with the Lord and so many loved ones.

Our families have been friends for many years...have lots of precious memories of when they lived in Michigan..

I am so glad that my sister and I was able to visit her and Bud a few years ago, that was so special.

I treasure all the memories I have with the Fortner family.Love you all.

Brenda (McFalls) Tyra

Brenda (McFalls) Tyra - December 09, 2020 at 05:50 AM

“ I am Rebecca Engle and I have a memory to share. Betty Fortner was the personification of Christ being our Shelter in the midst of a storm. Way back when my little family and I were much younger (having a child in middle school and a child in elementary school) I learned that God can provide safety and comfort to others when His people act like Him. In a particularly stormy season, Mrs. Fortner told us that she had a storm shelter and we were welcome to come anytime and go in it. Well, that time came one day when the skies turned an ominous green yellow color over Phil Campbell and I grabbed my children and headed to Mrs. Fortner's house on the hill. She was there waiting for us holding the door open wide. My husband was still at work in Huntsville and just barely missed being in the direct path of the tornado that took out a sizable part of Huntsville and Jones Valley. Little did I know that while we were safe, God was also keeping my husband safe. Anyway, Mrs. Fortner insisted that we always come get in her shelter when it was stormy... To the point of calling us up at 2:00 am one morning. While the wind was hollowing, I grabbed our ringing phone to hear her yelling, “Y'all come on! Hurry up!! The sirens are going off!” Thankfully, we lived very, very close. That action provided safety. Her next action showed how Christ also provides love and comfort. When the bad weather settled down and we were going to head back home, she insisted that we stay the rest of the night, “just in case it got bad again.” Well, she convinced us to not only stay until daylight, but she also went the extra mile and comforted us with breakfast! Mrs. Fortner cooked a wonderful breakfast even with bacon and eggs! Although I had been a bit timid not only staying a few hours with two young children but also sitting down to breakfast in someone else's home with two young children! That's when I learned how to cook scrambled eggs in the microwave that could turn out light and fluffy. And that's where I learned that Christ working in us can provide a way of safety to people and cover them with love and comfort. By the way, I've been married for 47 years now and my children still comment on going to Mrs. Fortner's storm shelter in the middle of the night and staying for breakfast! Thank you, Betty, for letting Christ love us through you! Regards, Rebecca and Danny Engle

Rebecca Engle - December 08, 2020 at 01:19 PM