



Rachel B. Thornton

July 4, 1916 - October 25, 2013

Rachel Estella Barnes Thornton, 97, passed away Friday, October 25, 2013, at Rose Manor in Haleyville.

Mrs. Thornton was a lifelong resident of Franklin County and a member of Russellville First Baptist Church. She was the oldest of 10 children.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., at Pinkard Funeral Home Chapel, Russellville, with burial in Tharptown Cemetery. Officiating will be Clinton Busler, Randy Nichols, and Stratton Barnes. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

She is survived by her children, Annette Sturdivant (Billy), Brenda Oliver (Troy), Kathy Gray (Steve); daughter-in-law, Sandra Thornton; brother, Stratton Barnes; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Mary Willie Thornton Hester (Clanton), Kathy Barnes, Bernice Barnes; brother-in-law, Cecil Thornton; a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and relatives.

She was preceded in death by parents, John Howard and Laura Malone

Barnes; husband, Hubert John Thornton; children, Paul Hugh Thornton, Bobby Jo Thornton; brothers and sisters, Zollie Barnes, Arland Jo Barnes, Retha Barnes Weems, Marie Barnes Porter, Jack Barnes, Wayne Lee Barnes, Bennie Barnes, and Patsy Barnes.

Cemetery Details

Tharptown Cemetery

Highway 48
Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel B. Thornton*



Pinkard Funeral Home - October 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rachael and I became friends when she lived across the street in Lawrence Place. We enjoyed many evening talks and visits. She was a precious person and holds a special place in my heart. I will miss her sweet smile and interesting conversations. We are so fortunate to have had her here this long with as good health and sound mind. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Roberta Richardson - October 29, 2013 at 06:45 AM