



Sybil Richardson Hedden

September 20, 1930 - May 7, 2017

Sybil Elizabeth Richardson Hedden was born to Harris and Jewel Richardson September 20, 1930, in Cherokee, AL. She was the oldest of six children, three surviving still: Peggy (Laverne) Jones, Jackie (Bunny) Richardson, and Johnny (Nell) Richardson. Brothers Bobby Richardson and Billy Richardson preceded her in death. Harris's fatherly care is still active today, including a burial policy which benefits Sybil at the present. Jewell's kindness lives on in the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Her marriage of 66 years to Carlyle Hedden was a tribute to God's plan for marriage. She backed Carlyle's career as an airline pilot during the "golden years" of the industry. Carlyle passed away in September of 2015. They raised four children together, Eric (Sherry) Hedden, Carla (George) Hutto, Julia (Jeff) Denton, and Albert Hedden.

Besides her four children, she leaves behind 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Her family would be her first claim to accomplishment. All four children have college degrees and have their own claims to achievement. Jacob, her oldest great-grandson was baptized at age 13 in the morning before she passed away just last Sunday. She would have "brightened up" at the news. As her children marched through school they were dressed in classically good-looking clothes, many of which she herself had sown, being a great seamstress. Her skills as a cook and hostess were equally memorable, and her children had the privilege of growing up in a home that was filled with visitors, whether they came for a short visit or stayed for weeks. Sybil's

generosity ensured that the door to the Hedden home was truly open to all. Her business talent drew her into the health food business in the late 1970's, when she developed her own company, Natural Goodness, at one time including three stores. There is no way to calculate how many lives she has touched and how much health she has improved by her early-rise and relentless work ethic. Her son Albert and grandson Seth Hedden carry on the enterprise in Fayetteville.

In 1980 an aneurysm in her brain threatened her life, but by God's gift of modern medicine and His grace she was spared for another 37 years. This episode was an aftermath of an auto accident which could have taken the lives of her and the children in the early 1960's, another challenge which showed her fighting spirit, a spirit which continues on in the lives of the children.

She was a charter member of the Greenbriar Church of Christ. Most recently she was a member of the Middle Fayette Church of Christ. Her children will remember fondly how often she exhorted them with one of her favorite verses, Psalm 118:24. Her steadfast belief in this verse was well demonstrated by her continual expressions of gratitude for the abundant gifts of God.

Other noteworthy contributions include her tireless work with Greater Atlanta Christian School Ladies Auxiliary in its early days, and kindnesses always shown to friends and extended family.

The children have been attentive and caring in her recent months of illness, especially after the loss of Carlyle, her life-long companion.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Russellville, AL.

Cemetery Details

Knights of Pythias

Clay Avenue
Russellville, AL 35653

Tribute Wall

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Julia - May 11, 2017 at 10:44 AM

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“ This is the spray, hanging on the door of Natural Goodness Health Foods, in Fayetteville, Georgia. Attached to it is the note: "Saying Goodbye to Sybil"



Eric Hedden - May 11, 2017 at 10:29 AM

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Eric Hedden - May 09, 2017 at 11:04 PM

“*Sybil Elizabeth Richardson Hedden was born to Harris and Jewel Richardson September 20, 1930, in Cherokee, AL; and passed from this life at her home in Fayetteville, GA on May 7, 2017. She was the oldest of six children, three surviving still: Peggy Jones (Laverne), Jackie Richardson (Bunny), and Johnny Richardson (Nell).*

She married Carlyle Hedden, of Russellville, in 1949. Their 66 years of holy matrimony was a tribute to God’s plan for marriage. She backed Carlyle’s career as an airline pilot during the “golden years” of the industry. Carlyle passed away in September of 2015. They raised four children, Eric Hedden (Sherry), Carla Hutto (George), Julia Denton (the late, Jeffrey), and Albert Hedden.

Sybil is preceded in death by her brothers, Bob Richardson, and Billy Richardson. She is survived by her four children, eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, dozens of cousins, nieces, nephews, and their offspring (most of which reside in north Alabama).

Sybil’s love for her family would be her most important legacy. All four children are Christians. Jacob, her oldest great-grandson, was baptized at age 13, in the morning before she passed away last Sunday afternoon. She would have “brightened up” at the news. Her talent in sewing for her children and grand-children reminds one of the “virtuous woman” in Proverbs 31.

After her children left home, she began her own business, Natural Goodness Health Foods, Inc., which expanded to include three stores by the 1990’s. There is no way to calculate how many lives she has touched and how many individual’s health she has improved by her nutritional knowledge and relentless work ethic. Her son Al and grandson Seth Hedden carry on with the remaining store in Fayetteville. Al Hedden has proudly stated that this business “is one of the first of its kind in the southeastern United States.”

In 1980 an aneurysm in her brain threatened her life, but by the grace of God, she was spared for another 37 years.

Sybil Hedden was a charter member of the Greenbriar Church of Christ. In the most recent years she was a member of the Middle Fayette Church of Christ, both in Georgia. Burial is to be in the Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Russellville.

Eric Hedden - May 09, 2017 at 11:02 PM

SL

A wonderful Christian woman

Sherry LeMarr - May 11, 2017 at 07:20 AM

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Eric Hedden - May 09, 2017 at 10:53 PM

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“ *You were so beautiful and a good example to me of a Proverbs 31 wife. Thank you for your steadfast love of the Lord and your strong work ethic. We will miss you mightily!*



Sherry Hedden - May 09, 2017 at 10:36 PM

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Eric Hedden - May 09, 2017 at 10:35 PM

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