



Viva Lou McCravy Bostic

April 22, 1932 - June 15, 2024

Hickory Flat - Viva Lou McCravy Bostic passed away on June 15, 2024, at the North Mississippi Medical Center Hospice Unit in Tupelo, Mississippi, at the age of 92. She was born on April 22, 1932, to George Robert McCravy and Beatrice Shedd McCravy.

Viva's life was a struggle although you would never hear her complain. She lost her eyesight at a very young age. She graduated from the Mississippi School for the Blind in Jackson and later worked at the Industry for the Blind, also in Jackson until her retirement. While working there, she met Wayne Bostic, who was also blind, and they married in August, 1955. Together they made a home of their own until his death in 1996. She continued living on her own after his death, being totally independent. She was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church, and she loved all of her church family. She attended regularly until her recent illness. She had the complete set of the Bible in Braille and would read every day. Viva loved family gatherings. She would start cooking days ahead and her menu items were not just simple foods to prepare. All the nieces and nephews loved Aunt Vi's fresh apple cake and pecan pies. Even though she couldn't see, she loved to travel with family whenever the opportunity arose. If a family member had a doctor's appointment or was just going to the grocery store, she would ride with them. Her weekly trip to get her hair fixed was a must...she always wanted to look her best...and she always did. She will be missed beyond measure by all of

her family and friends.

She is survived by her sisters, Bobbie Wilkerson, Maxine Thompson, and Shirley Massengill. Although Viva never had any children of her own, she dearly loved all of her many nieces and nephews and they each loved her. She was particularly close to her great-nephew, Ace Lambert (Haley Sipes).

In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by her sisters, Dessie Lee, Grace Rhodes, O'dell Luna, and Hurstine Rushing; her brothers-in-law, Lester Bostic, Henry Bostic; and sisters-in-law, Robbie Gilstrap, Hattie Davis, and Millie Smitherman.

Visitation for family and friends will be Wednesday, June 19th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church (Benton County), with service to follow at 1:00 p.m. Bro. Randy Hamilton will officiate. Burial will be in Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Danny Massengill, Ace Lambert, Jonathan Boler, Trenton Boler, Marty Hurt, and Walt Smitherman.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery - Benton County

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Pine Grove Baptist Church Benton County

Service

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM.

Pine Grove Baptist Church Benton County

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bonnie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Viva Lou McCravy Bostic*



Bonnie Jackson - June 17, 2024 at 01:31 PM

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I am Haley's Aunt. I did not personally know Ms. Vi but I have heard wonderful things about Ms. Viva. Gloria stayed with Ms. Viva during her a time of Hospice and loved her too. The obit was beautiful. I am sorry for your family's loss.

Mary Sue Tudor - June 17, 2024 at 09:23 PM