



Mabel Huckaby

October 28, 1928 - January 9, 2022

Mabel B. Huett Rollins Huckaby, age 93, of Conway, Arkansas, passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

This is the story of my life. I was born October 28, 1928, in Birdtown, Arkansas to Jacob Calvin Huett and Sreathie Gordon Huett. I was preceded in death by my parents and two brothers, Freddie Bearden Huett (infant), and Jessie Conrad of Blue Springs, MO.

I grew up in Wright, Arkansas and graduated from Plum Bayou High School in 1945. The preceding year, in 1944, I was a National Blue Ribbon Award recipient in the 4H Club Dress Review for the ensemble I made for a cost of 75 cents that included a skirt and jacket made from flower-printed feed sacks, and a blouse, hat, and handbag made from white flour sacks. I attended the national convention in Chicago, IL to receive my award. Following graduation, I attended Arkansas State Teachers College (now the University of Central Arkansas) in Conway on a full academic scholarship. Receiving my degree in Education, I then returned to Wright, Arkansas where I taught school for 5 years. During this time, I had my 2 children, was married, and divorced.

I went on to teach school in Georgia for 3 years, England, AR for 1 year, and then worked in a doctor's office in Morrilton, AR for several years before getting into the nursing home industry. For 4 ½ years I learned the business, then in its infancy in Arkansas, working for Leisure Lodge Nursing Homes as a General Manager and Administrator because Mr. Steve Creekmore gave me a chance. I then moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas to help open and run the Hot Springs Nursing Home before finally leasing a nursing home of my own to operate, Pine Bluff Nursing Home. It was at the state nursing home convention in February of 1969 that I met the love of my life, also in the nursing home business and also from Pine Bluff, Mr. Ray Huckaby. We were married October 7, 1969 in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Returning from our Mexican honeymoon, we bought a nursing home in England, Arkansas and renamed it Delta Nursing Home. After 14 years, we sold it to my daughter and son-in-law, Kaye and Emmitt Henderson, and went on to build and operate the Cumberland Nursing Home in Little Rock from 1973 to 1986. From there we moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas and lived on the lake while Ray sold real estate. In 2002 we moved to Conway, next door to the nursing home my daughter Kaye owned, Heritage Living Center.

In 2009 Ray moved into the nursing home with Alzheimer's and Dementia, and on January 28, 2014, the love of my life left this world to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in heaven. I moved into the nursing home a few years later, and have now gone on to join Ray in heaven. We agreed to meet under a large Oak tree by the river where Ray said he would be waiting for me whenever I got there with a bouquet of roses.

I achieved my hearts' desires in this life; I wanted to be a school teacher and I became that. I wanted to be a nursing home administrator and owner and I did that. I wanted to see my children and grandchildren follow in our footsteps and carry on our legacy and I was blessed to live to see that. I thanked the Lord every day for my family – I wrote this obituary myself, and want to say, "May God bless all of you, my family."

I am survived by my son Calvin D Rollins (Nancy) of Cabot, daughter, Kaye Henderson (Emmitt) of Hot Springs, Arkansas, stepdaughters Linda Webb (Jimmy) of Wright, Marcia Lybrand (Joey) of Pine Bluff, and stepson Billy Huckaby of Little Rock as well as a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and dear friends, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren who all dearly loved their Nannie.

Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 13 at the Harris Funeral Home with Stephen Dickinson officiating. I will then be buried next to my loving husband, Ray, at Kilgore Cemetery on Highway 9 between Birdtown and Solgohachia, Arkansas. The family will receive friends one hour prior to services.

Cemetery

Kilgore Cemetery

3664 Highway 9
Springfield, AR, 72157

Events

JAN 13 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St, Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

JAN 13 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Harris Funeral Home - January 13 at 02:24 PM



“ Multi-Color Standing Sympathy Wreath was purchased for the family of Mabel Huckaby.



January 12 at 09:39 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Mabel Huckaby.



January 12 at 08:36 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mabel Huckaby.



January 12 at 03:21 PM



“ I didn't know Mabel Huckaby, but I wish I had after reading her obituary! What an inspirational life she lived. I am so glad she took the time to write her story, and that I read it. I can only imagine the reunion she and her beloved husband had when they were reunited. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Huckaby's family. May you find comfort in your many many memories of time spent together.

Betsey Mowery - January 11 at 10:07 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mabel Huckaby.



January 11 at 08:30 AM



“ Nannie i loved you as my adopted grandmother & my bff. We have spent many hours together for many years. The precious memories we shared i will cherish & hold deep in my heart forever. You were always so honest, loving & caring & loved my family as your own. We shared holidays together our wine nights & talks. A piece of my heart is gone now & forever with you. We both shared an amazing love for our cats, to us they were our kids. Heaven truly is shinning a little brighter now since you went home. I know Papa was waiting for you with the roses. I can't wait til i am able to hug both of you again. I love you more than anything in this world, thank you for loving me back. I will see you soon Nannie i love you forever. Jayla Gilmore

Jayla Stubbs-Gilmore - January 10 at 06:20 PM