Johnnie Corrinne Bailey

September 19, 1923 - December 7, 2022

Johnnie Corrinne Wallace Bailey, 99, of Perryville, died Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Johnnie was born September 19, 1923, to Fleet and Amanda Thompson Wallace of Perryville.

A life-long Perry County resident, Johnnie graduated from Perryville High School and briefly attended Ouachita Baptist College before being called home due to her father's death. She took over her father's position in the sheriff's office and became the county's first female deputy sheriff.

She was a dutiful member of the Greatest Generation. She served her country working in a munitions factory during World War II. She lost her first husband, J.Q. Allen, to war-related injuries. Her second husband, Marvin Bailey, was a prisoner of war during WWII. Johnnie valued her citizenship and participated in Veterans and Memorial Day celebrations for her entire life. She served as the local election official and served homemade cookies to voters.

She supported her county and local community and was active in Union Valley Baptist Church. She was a member of the Perry County Historical and Genealogical Society assisting with a history book of Perry County. For 60 years Johnnie was associated with the Perry County newspapers writing and news gathering. She served as her community correspondent for most of that time. She was a songwriter and author as well as an avid writer of poetry. She was a member of the Perry County Branch of the Poets Round Table of Arkansas.

Johnnie's love of her community was only surpassed by her love for her

family. She considered herself the matriarch of the Wallace clan. Her home was the gathering place for her large extended family and friends. She enjoyed hosting her annual birthday party, family Christmas parties, and any occasion to welcome visitors.

Johnnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, daughter Linda Bailey Metcalf, and siblings Helen Wallace, Dimple Taylor, Bert Wallace, Stanley Wallace, Maxine Tindell, and Charlie Wallace.

Johnnie is survived by her son Robert W. Allen and wife Carol, granddaughter Katharine Allen Adams, great-granddaughters Kate and Olivia, and son-in-law Buddy Metcalf. She is also survived by a loving host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 10, at the Union Valley Baptist Church. Private burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Union Valley Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

Johnnie Corrinne Bailey

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM

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Ms Johnnie will be missed by so many of us. She was truly a beautiful lady. I will always remember all the good times we spent together. And the things she taught me to cook. My heart breaks but I know where she is. In the arms of our Lord Jesus. My prayers for Robert, Carol,Buddy, Katharine and her girls. And all her family and friends. Love you all.

Dar Elrod(DePriest) - December 27, 2022 at 01:23 PM

KR

What a lady, she was so full of life and I always enjoyed visiting with her and hearing stories. She will be missed, and I am sure she is gathering with her family in her heavenly home. Prayers for her family.

kathy Rankin - December 10, 2022 at 04:40 PM

RA

Robert W Allen purchased the Blue & White Sym pathy Basket for the family of Johnnie Corrinne Bailey.

Robert W Allen - December 09, 2022 at 04:33 PM

LF

Aunt Johnnie you will be missed. You touched so many live in such a positive way. The light of the Lord showed so brightly in your eyes. When we heard or spoke your name we could not help but smile. Your love and legacy will live on in all the lives you touched. But now we must praise God release you to go to be with the one you served so faithfully for the 99 years you were here on earth. We will never forget what you taught us. We will miss you.

Linda Reeder Fletcher - December 09, 2022 at 12:48 PM

White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Johnnie Corrinne Bailey.

December 09, 2022 at 08:41 AM

CA

A Very Special Lady. She will be missed by many. Thoughts are with the Family

Carroll W. Allison - December 09, 2022 at 06:04 AM

Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Johnnie Corrinne Bailey.

December 08, 2022 at 02:05 PM

ML

Martha Langhammer lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Bailey

Martha Dale Langhammer - December 08, 2022 at 11:06 AM

CM

She was a beautiful person inside out. A true Christian lady with a wonderful smile. Love her always.

Connie McNeal - December 08, 2022 at 10:12 AM