



Verna Lillian Bowles

January 27, 1912 - February 1, 2011

Dateline: Litchfield

Verna Lillian Bowles, 99, died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2011 in Godfrey, IL. Born January 27, 1912 in Shaws Point, IL, she was the daughter of Carson Elmer and Ethel Arbelle (Gates) Besanceney. She married Byron Brooks Bowles on April 27, 1929 in Litchfield. He preceded her in death on August 5, 1977. Verna was a homemaker and was an active and longtime member of the First Baptist Church. She started the first nursery at the church, taught in primary Sunday school, was a GA Leader for a young girl's mission group and was also active in Adult missions. She led Keenagers Ministry for adults for many years. Verna worked at Kroger and IGA Grocery Stores. She also worked at Montgomery Ward and retired from Sidney Tots and Teens. She is survived by one daughter, Gerry Johnston of Litchfield, two sons; Derald W. Bowles and his wife Bertie of Easley, SC, Lester B. Bowles and his wife Joanne of Godfrey, IL, nine grandchildren; Scott Johnston of Charlotte, NC, Pam Norris and husband Ron of Litchfield, Tim Johnston and wife Kim of Albuquerque, NM, Austin Bowles and wife Cindy of Las Vegas, NV, Lisa Hurlbert of Chattanooga, TN, Lynn Hoffman and husband Mike of Godfrey, IL, Ralph Bowles and wife Dawn of Godfrey, IL, Laura Bosse' of Alton, IL, Louise Jacoby and husband Stephen of Godfrey, IL, 16 great grandchildren, Trisha Hoagland, Cameron Norris, Corey, Courtney and Christian Johnston, Avery Bowles, Misty Johnson, Emily Bartlett, Steven and

Lori Hurlbert, Ben, Emma and Josie Bowles, Nathanael Hoffman, Joseph and Samuel Bosse', four great great grandchildren, Jeremiah and Jacob Johnson, Evan Bartlett and Ava Hoagland and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Carl E. Johnston and three sisters, Zelma Lancaster, Reba Hart and Emma Opal Talbert. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Litchfield. Reverend Gene Ellis will officiate. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Verna Lillian Bowles*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Verna Lillian Bowles*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Les and Joanne,*

I want to extend my sympathy to you and all your family. I remember you speaking fondly of her many times through the years. May God touch your hearts with his healing power and may your memories give you comfort.

Karen Auston - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to a friend or relative of Verna Lillian Bowles.*

February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Verna Lillian Bowles*

Chad, Amy, & Jackson Mullins - February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Ralph and Lynn;
I used to work with you both at the Cream Machine the summer of 1982. I met your grandmother last year when I saw her for a Home Health Physical Therapy evaluation. I live in Litchfield now after moving to Texas in Decemner of 1982. We had a nice chat about you two and she showed me pictures of you and your families. I really enjoyed our visit that day. She seemed like a very independent lady.
My condolences to you and your family.

Linda Rynders Meade - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ She was a wonderful lady, and will be greatly missed. Till we meet again in heaven. Love, Kathy

Kathy Markle - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ May you find peace and joy in knowing the Lord has welcomed your loved one into Heaven.

Tom & Jo Ann Currie - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM