



Merle Bailey Hodges

April 13, 1931 - December 23, 2011

Merle Bailey Hodges, 80, of Ardmore, Alabama passed away on Friday, December 23, 2011 at her home. Born Monday, April 13, 1931 in Toney, AL to the late Robert and Mary Whitt Bailey. She worked many years in law enforcement with the Limestone County Sheriff's Department and was the original founder of A&A florist in Ardmore, AL. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas (Bug) Hodges; grandson, Toby Ray Arthur; brothers, Edward Bailey and James Olen Bailey; sisters, Hazel Bailey, Jewell Mills and Macel Bridges. Surviving are daughters; Sherry (Charles) Manspeaker of Estes Park, CO and Charlyn (Dwight) Barnett of Athens, AL; grandchildren; Buffi Young, Tom Smith, great-grandchildren; Sophie Young, Silas Young, Sadie Young, Ethan Smith and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with Rev. Mark A. Young officiating. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. Pallbearers will be Everett Bailey, Jim Bailey, Don Mills, Gary Daly, Jerry Evans, Johnny Evans and Randy Bailey. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, December 26, 2011, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home in Ardmore, Alabama.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ We are praying for all of you to get through this time with peace that comes from the knowledge that God loves you and will take care of you. May the memories of love shared, give you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

Beth Rolin Pugh - December 28, 2011 at 08:07 AM

TS

“ Charlyn, Sherry, and families,
I was so sad to hear about your mom. I have precious memories of her as we were growing up. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Terry Shannon - December 27, 2011 at 06:42 PM

DB

“ So very sorry for your loss!! We had planned to come up for the visitation or funeral, but as luck would have it-the sickness has hit our house too!! We have fond memories of your Mom at Greenbrier Rest. We used to go several years ago, every Friday night! We could count on a laugh & a good time!! My folks moved to Gulf Shores & we've moved to Tuscaloosa. My husband Don was Macel & Howard Bridges nephew. But we thought of your Mom as "kin"!! I can tell you that it's really tough loosing a parent but you already know that. My Dad passed away in Sept. And my Mom is in the nursing home with late stage Alzheimers. We will keep you in our prayers and continue to hold fond memories of your Momma!!

Don & Babs Bridges - December 27, 2011 at 11:18 AM

LE

“ *Merle was such a sweet and wonderful woman. She always kept me laughing, and I'll miss her on FB. May the Lord bless and comfort each of you in your loss.*

Loretta Merrell Ekis - December 27, 2011 at 11:13 AM

TG

“ *Merle was a special lady and a joy to be with. I am sure you will miss her terribly. I've known Merle for many years starting with her work with my husband, Van Gordon, at the Limestone County Sheriff's Department. Our thoughts are with you at this time of sadness.*

*The Van Gordon Family
(Trannie, Sare, Karmen)*

Trannie Gordon - December 26, 2011 at 06:44 PM

WM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Merl's family, she will be greatly missed by all of us who had the priviledge of knowing and working with her*

Wayne & Pat Morell - December 25, 2011 at 08:14 PM

NL

“ *Miss you so much Goose. I wish comfort and peace to your family.*
Norma

Norma Lee - December 25, 2011 at 10:42 AM

NT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Nancy Thornton - December 24, 2011 at 03:53 PM

SG

“ *I know Ms. Merle is laughing right now and having a good time with her Heavenly Father. My heart and prayers are with the family.*

Sherrie Bland Grant - December 24, 2011 at 03:27 PM