



Frances Latham

May 17, 1926 - August 19, 2013

Frances Gaynell Latham, 87, of the Welcome community in Baileyton, Alabama, entered into rest Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, at her residence. She was born May 17, 1926, to Noah and Lula Bell Holmes Ray of the Welcome community.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Latham; a son, Clovis Latham; brothers, Coleman Ray, Arco Ray, Hershel Ray and Cephus Ray; and a sister, Zera Mae Bailey.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Latham will lie-in-state from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at Welcome Baptist Church in Baileyton, with funeral services at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Bros Jerry Lake and Terry Blankenship will officiate.

Gaynell is survived by sisters-in-law, Estelle Ray of Baileyton, Willodean Oden of Priceville and Gaynell Ray of Clay. Also, Gaynell is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and her extended family, employees and former employees of Jack's Foodland.

Gaynell was a loving, caring, devoted Christian lady that will be missed by many but by many she was welcomed into her heavenly home. Gaynell worked for the Hopper/Smith family of Eva for the past 48 years seeing the grocery business through many decades of change most recently moving into the current Jack's Foodland location in Eva where she had recently worked last week at the age of 87.

To anybody that knew Gaynell knows she never met a stranger she loved everyone unconditionally and was a servant to her community, taking food to the shutins, delivering groceries on her way home to many elderly neighbors, but most of all she was an inspiration to others to keep living life to the fullest, to never give up and always do whatever it takes to show God's love to everyone you meet.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Welcome Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss.* ”

Shelby (Grant) Lawrence - September 06, 2013 at 08:10 AM