



Josephine LeGrand

February 2, 1928 - May 23, 2018

Josephine Johnson Givens LeGrand died in the early morning hours of May 23, 2018 at Cullman Health Care Center. She was 90. She was born on Feb. 2, 1928 in Moulton, Ala., the daughter of Christine (Roberts) Johnson and Eugene Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, and five brothers. She is survived by two sisters, Fonda Johnson of Waterford, Mich., and Fay St. John of Ragland, Ala.

Josephine Johnson married Redell "Dale" Givens of Courtland, Ala., in 1943 and they had four children, Murphy, Teresa, Bobby and Linda. Three of her four children, Bobby Givens and Teresa Connell, both of Hanceville, Ala., and Linda Smith of Cullman, preceded her in death. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Murphy and Karen Givens of Corpus Christi, Texas.

She worked as a cook at Childhaven Orphanage and was a cook at Eastside Elementary School in the 1950s. She was one of the original employees of the Cullman Products plant and worked at the Milford Laundry in Milford, Mich. Josephine Givens later married Otis LeGrand of Cullman, now deceased, and William Woods of Hanceville, also deceased.

Three grandchildren, David Givens, Kenny Connell and Timmy Connell, all of Hanceville, died before her. Surviving grandchildren include Kevin Givens, of Dallas, Texas; Sonya Pollard, of Kingsport, Tenn.; Becky Smotherman of Brighton, Mich.; Conor Givens of Corpus Christi, Texas; Molly Givens of Norristown, Penn.; Nicole Smith of Plymouth, Mich., and Danielle Vitale of Ferndale, Mich.; along with scores of great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces,

relatives and friends who knew and loved her as “MaMa,” “Grandma Jo” and “Aunt Jo.” She lived a long and happy life and was loved and will be sadly missed. May she rest in blessed and eternal peace. Please share your memories at cullmanheritage.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *This is my grandma, "mama", or mostly mom. This is her in 1991, with my firstborn daughter, Briana. I miss you so much mama, but I know you are with mom, uncle Bobby, Aunt Theresa, David, and my Jakey! So i know you are happy! We love you and miss you! Your sweet Becky !*



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Jo in her 60s, putting us all to shame!

Karen - May 25, 2018 at 05:30 AM

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“ Well my name is Caroline Yeager, I work for Cullman Health Care & Rehab. I took special interest in Josephine when I met her. She was a fire cracker from day one. She had such a strong aura, her room was always the first I'd come to after I met her. She always would greet me with the biggest smile and tell me how glad she was I was back. She made me truly feel loved. She began to think I was “Nikki” one of Linda's daughters, and that my partner Kayla was “Dani”. We went with it from that day on and it gave her so much comfort. She would always ask other coworkers where one of us we're. I got so close with Josephine since August . We would talk and laugh, play with her makeup and wig. I'd write on her white board and ask her about the things she liked. I introduced her to my boyfriend. Words can't describe how much I loved this woman. I never attached myself to one of my residents like I did Josephine. We had a strong bond everyone in the nursing home could see. Even though she didn't know me as me I wouldn't have had it any other way. I'm glad she thought her family came there with her. She passed happy. She's so loved. I consider her my grandma after all the time spent with her and plan to name my daughter after her when that day comes. Work will never be the same. But her love comforts me everyday and our memories will love on forever. Rest In Peace my sweet Josephine. ❤️ I love you so so much.

Cary Yeager - May 24, 2018 at 12:03 PM