



Bessie Louise Champion

November 28, 1934 - April 14, 2020

Bessie Louise Champion, 85, of Etna, Arkansas died Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in Charleston, Arkansas. She was a Seamstress and member of Oak Bend Missionary Baptist Church. She was born November 28, 1934 in Cortez, Colorado to John Clark and Viola Keisling Johns. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vester Ray Champion; her parents; six brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by a daughter, Gail Franklin of Cecil, Arkansas; a son, Curtis Champion of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and two sisters, Daisey Mahaffey and Velma Kingery both of Cortez, Colorado.

Open visitation will be held 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM Friday, April 17th at Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark.

Graveside service will be held 10:00 AM Saturday April 18, 2020 at Mt. Hope Cemetery with Brother Carroll Squires officiating under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers are Michael and Jamie Shaw, Ronnie Burcham, James Harrod, Justin Newheart, and Michael Champion.

To leave online condolences visit: www.shafferfuneralhomeozark.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

2940 State Hwy 288
Ratcliff, AR 72951

Previous Events

Open Visitation

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
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Ozark, AR 72949
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Graveside Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Hope Cemetery
Etna, AR 72951

Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bessie Louise Champion*



Shaffer Funeral Home - April 15, 2020 at 05:46 PM

DS

I was so blessed to have Bessie in my life ❤️. She taught me a lot. She was a very special person , whom I loved. I will miss her dearly 😭. Curtis and Gale my prayers are with you.

Donna Sensinger - April 16, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ *Bessie Louise Champion*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Bessie Louise Champion.*



April 16, 2020 at 12:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Louise Champion.*



April 15, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bessie Louise Champion.*



April 15, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *I remember all of us going trout fishing, what fun times. Camping at Shoal Bay was another great memory. Bessie will be missed*

Tammy Hall - April 15, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bessie Louise Champion.*



April 15, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bessie Louise Champion.*



April 15, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Bessie , looked out for my Mom and Dad Todd and Peggy Patterson Greenhurst. . We are so sorry for y'all loss. Mike and Joanie Patterson.*

mike patterson - April 14, 2020 at 11:25 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers for you Gail and Curtis, your Mom was a loving, caring, so friendly person. Even through her health problems she was always a very spiritual and uplifting dear friend that made you always feel better after visiting with her. Have to share this, during her illness we prayed for her, after she was better she was teaching a class in Bible school that my granddaughter attended, she came home telling her parents we didn't have to pray anymore that she was just fine and a fun teacher, what a testimony❤️🙏, The Harold and JoAnn Holt Family*

JoAnn Holt - April 14, 2020 at 09:40 PM

LM

“ I thought of you all day Bessie, and all night. I woke up thinking of you today, and I called Gail, to see how you were. It was then, she told me you had gone to be with Jesus. My heart aches for you my sweet precious friend. So many memories I have of you. So many, just to many to write here. I want you to know, you truly was someone I loved dearly, and you have always been an inspiration to me. I loved you beyond words, and felt like you were my 'mama' too. You will be missed greatly Bess.....I love you.

Lynda Molton

Lynda Molton - April 14, 2020 at 01:57 PM

DJ

Curtis and Gail, I want you both to know that my heart hurts for you both! I know you both loved her and we never want to lose our mom! She is resting in the arms of Jesus and has no need for a wheelchair chair now! May Hod bring peace and comfort to you both! ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Donna Jackson - April 15, 2020 at 02:06 AM