



## Delilah Jane Ferguson

June 23, 1939 - February 28, 2023

Delilah Jane Ferguson, age 83, of Ozark, Arkansas, went home to her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. She was born June 23, 1939, in Paris, Arkansas, to Shell and Ressie Mayner Blanscet. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 60 years, Robert Louis Ferguson, infant son, Robert Hoyt Ferguson, and two brothers, Shell Jr. and Hoyt Gene Blanscet.

Jane is survived by four daughters, Tonya Komp and husband Michael, Jimmie Frederick and husband Matthew, Laura Ricketts, Shelly Wilson and husband Larry, and two honorary sons, James Ricketts, Bill Mason and wife Joy; fifteen grandchildren, Amanda, Michael Robert, and Maegan Komp, Branef and wife Amanda, Matthew and wife Melissa, and Bill Patton, Ashley Coy and husband Chad, Amy Hunt and fiancé Bentley Reynolds, Karen and Patricia Ricketts, Heather Wilson and fiancé Ethan Beckham, Brandon Wilson and wife Lauren, Tyler Wilson and wife Jeni, Clarissa Gilbert and Eli Mason; fifteen great-grandchildren, Brady, Sophia, Evan and Mason Patton, Lydia, Jackson, and Marshall Coy, Taylor, Emma, Addy Mae, Makenzie and Kendra Wilson, James Gioja, Amery and Baylor Gilbert; one nephew, Shell Tracy Blanscet and wife Christin; one great-nephew, Cayden; one great-niece, Teigan Blanscet; and three caregivers, Christi Ulrich, Jessica and Rosie Barnett.

In life, Jane was a devoted wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and friend. She adored her family and attended many school events, ball games, band concerts, church programs, and rodeos with Robert. She was known to talk at length about her children and grandkids to anyone who would listen.

Jane has said her career included her three favorite things; sewing, children, and math. She began her career at the Garan sewing factory and later she was a teacher's aid at Ozark Elementary School for many years. In 1980 she campaigned and was elected as Franklin County Treasurer, an office she held for 18 years before retiring in 1998. She had an enduring love for children and she has said, "Being a mother was her greatest joy."

Throughout her life, Jane held an unwavering faith in Christ, every Sunday she attended First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As a member of the church, she served many roles including: elder, Sunday school teacher, board member, and treasurer. She was a steadfast prayer warrior, always ready to send up a prayer and a kind message to anyone in need of comfort and support or praise.

Along with watching Jeopardy! routinely with Robert, Jane was an avid reader, gardener, cook, and talented seamstress. In her downtime, she could be found doing a crossword puzzle or writing letters. She was an avid bird watcher, a pastime she shared with her husband. She was fond of crocheting; making many afghan blankets and hats in her lifetime-some of which she won ribbons in the county fair alongside her delicious homemade canned goods. Jane was an enthusiastic fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Arkansas Razorbacks. She loved music; especially gospel and country music. Jane liked to watch westerns, Law and Order, and Star Trek. She was particularly fond of elephants.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday, March 3, 2023 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark

Celebration of Life service will be 10:00 A.M., Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the First Christian Church, 105 North 5th Street, with Reverend Shelly Wilson officiating, with burial at Harmon Cemetery, Rockwood Lane in Ozark, under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Branef, Matthew, and Billy Patton, Michael Robert Komp, Evan and Brady Patton. Honorary pallbearers will be all other Grandchildren.

In life, Jane was a supporter of many local charities.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to one of the following:

First Christian Church, 105 North 5th Ozark, Arkansas 72949; Charleston Dog Shelter, P.O. Box 118 Charleston, Arkansas 72933; Salvation Army, 320 North 2nd Street Ozark, Arkansas 72949; and Ozark-Altus Council of Churches Food Pantry, c/o Shelly Wilson, Treasurer, 4835 Highway 288 Ozark, Arkansas 72949.

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church  
North 5th Street  
Ozark, AR 72949

## Burial

MAR 4 (CT)

Harmon Cemetery  
Rockwood Lane  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Tribute Wall



“ Hugs

Sharon mobarak - March 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ Jane was my neighbor as I was growing up in the Granades Chapel area . I loved her dearly. I remember one day when I was visiting her home , to play with her daughter Tonya, she removed a large splinter from under my right big toenail. I wouldn't let my mother do it, but Jane calmly explained why it should be removed, and gentle performed the procedure. She was a wonderful lady, wife, mother, friend, and Christian. Heaven gained a great Saint when she arrived.

Toni Ann Stephens - March 04, 2023 at 08:29 AM



Jane was one of my cousins. Jessie was my aunt. She WAS a wonderful lady.

Charles Mayner - January 10 at 08:01 PM



RESSIE, I meant, was my aunt.

Charles Mayner - January 10 at 08:02 PM



“ Jane was a woman for all seasons.....always good and always honest.

Vernon McDaniel - March 03, 2023 at 08:02 PM

SF

“ Prayers for you guys. Jane was such a amazing wonderful person and friend and a wonderful part of my life love you all

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**Sharon Farnam** - March 02, 2023 at 08:26 PM

JE

“ My sweet cousin Jane. I can only imagine the reunion taking place right now. I couldn't help but noticed the gleam in Shell Jr's eyes when he spoke of her. I'm sure they are catching up right now. Enjoy your reward cousin! Well deserved!!

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**Jim Edgin** - March 02, 2023 at 08:01 PM

PM

“ So sorry to hear of Jane's passing, my sympathies to her family. Now you can run like the wind cuz, will see you soon. I have a picture of you and my older brother along with my mother who is pregnant with me at the square downtown in 1957 graduation year, you both graduated the year I was born.

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**paul mayner** - March 02, 2023 at 04:53 PM

RT

“ I am so happy to say that I am one of Jane's many many friends. I received a sweet letter from her recently. As young girls, we giggled and laughed a lot. Her parents were wonderful to me. I lived in Ozark for 8 years and worked at elections at Sutherland Crossroads. She and Robert would come vote then she would go home and bake cookies and have Robert bring for the elections workers to enjoy. I was in her wedding, wonderful memories. She was a good friend and she had many friends. She will be missed. Rest in Peace Sweet Jane. Ruby Adams Tolton

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**Ruby Tolton** - March 02, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Delilah Jane Ferguson.*



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March 02, 2023 at 02:29 PM