



Laverne Reed Brown

April 4, 1930 - January 6, 2026

Laverne Reed Brown, 95 of Altus, Arkansas passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in Altus. She was born April 4, 1930 in Red Star, Arkansas to Charlie Reed and Cora Robinson Reed. Laverne was a Christian and a member of the Old Country Church. She was a welder and pivoter for Trane, a line worker for Dodgen's Meat Processing, and worked for the government as a social worker. She loved and enjoyed her family and spending time with them. Laverne had a love for frogs and her flower garden.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 53 years, Melvin Brown; one daughter, Nina Jean Ballenger; four siblings, Jacky McCormick, Marry Warren, Ed McCormick, and Lena Nunnelee; and one son-in-law, Carl Wayne Ballenger.

Laverne is survived by one brother, Tom McCromick and wife Anita of Altus; one grandson, Buckley Ballenger and Melissa of Yukon, Oklahoma; two great grandchildren, Phillip Ballenger of Port Barre, Louisiana and Presley Raney of Bethany, Oklahoma; and one great-great grandson, Ezra Ballenger of Port Barre.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Graveside service will be 10:00 A.M., Friday, January 9, 2026 at the Fort Smith National Cemetery, 522 Garland Street in Fort Smith, Arkansas, with J.D. Ellison officiating, with burial at the Fort Smith National Cemetery.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Smith National Cemetery

522 Garland Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 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

Graveside Service

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Burial

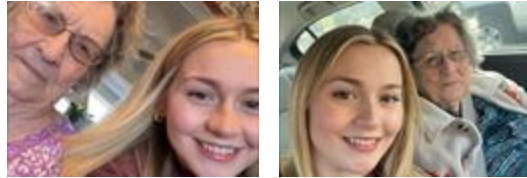
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Tribute Wall


Presley
Raney

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Presley Raney - January 08 at 06:00 PM

JF

“ *I'll always remember when she would take her walker and walk us to the door and wave through the glass when we left. She loved to sit in her rocking chair on the porch when it was nice. We would talk about crafts and thrift shopping, what kind of sermon I heard the Sunday before and where there many people. I'm really gonna miss her!*

Julie Faught - January 07 at 09:04 PM

AB

“ *AnnaLee Bullard lit a candle in memory of Laverne Brown*



AnnaLee Bullard - January 07 at 08:13 PM

NP

So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed Laverne while visiting Nina. She was one in a million ! Norma Person

Norma Person - January 08 at 07:45 PM