



## Ivalena Gardner Rackley

April 29, 1923 - February 2, 2020

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Ivalena Gardner Rackley (MaMaw) went to be with Jesus February 2, 2020. She was born April 29, 1923 to Melissa Maie Alsup Gardner and Reese Thomas Gardner in Limestone County, Alabama.

Mamaw lived a full life and left a legacy of gratefulness and enthusiasm. Despite facing many obstacles that came from growing up during the Depression, Mamaw maintained a great sense of humor, was hardworking, caring, dependable, selfless and generous. She was a loving Mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and loyal friend. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Little Rock and was blessed by the staff and many faithful friends there. In addition to her family, Mamaw enjoyed quilting and gardening. She had a good understanding of the concept of sowing seeds! The simple seed of stopping to talk, writing a note, playing a game, or making time for friends and family was very important to her. She was also an excellent hugger!

Ivalena is preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters, son Gary Rackley, grandson Christopher Kellon and great granddaughter Stephanie Gilmore.

She is survived by;

Daughters Julie Batchelder (Ted) of DeLand, FL, Alyce Raley of Duck Springs, AL, JoAnne Rush (Ben) of Little Rock, AR, Kay Rackley (wife of Gary) of Hanford, CA,  
6 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren  
Nephew, Sonny (Wanda) Cumins of Van Buren, MO.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, February 5th from 10:00am to 11:00am followed by the funeral service at 11:00am in the chapel of Bennett May Funeral Home in Pulaski, TN.

Burial following at Jackson Cemetery, Minor Hill, TN.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home in charge of arrangements for Ivalena Gardner Rackley (MaMaw).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ivalena Gardner Rackley*

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**Julie Taylor** - September 23, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ *She was a bonus in my life. I was lucky enough, on occasions, for the past 48 years, to call her MaMaw. To know Tammy, was to know the whole family, and you were treated as family. I will miss her storytelling and that sneaky laugh when she whispered something naughty in your ear...she was a gift. I know she's enjoying her eternal life in heaven and whispering now.*

*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24 - 26*

*From my heart to all of yours,  
Tena Mathews, Mullinax*

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**Tena Mullinax** - February 09, 2020 at 01:37 PM

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“ *We will never forget Ivalena. Many good times spent with her when she was visiting Alice. We loved her. Praying for the family*

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**Alice Moore** - February 09, 2020 at 01:37 PM