



Lillie Marchant

May 10, 1918 - August 14, 2012

Lillie Belle Marchant, 94, died Tuesday, August 14, 2012. She was born to Wallace and Ora Gattis, May 10, 1918, in Ratcliff, Arkansas. Lillie married William Otis Friar in 1934. They lived in Paris, Arkansas on a dairy farm until his death in 1955. They received many awards for their superior milk quality by the Dairy Association and the Farm Bureau. Lillie later moved to Port Hueneme, California. She married Jay (J.W.) Marchant in 1958. They lived in Port Hueneme and Ojai, California. After the death of J.W., she relocated to Colorado to be near her son and family. Lillie was a dental assistant and later became an assistant librarian. She retired in 1980. She not only touched the lives of many students but all that knew her. Lillie was an active member of the Ojai Valley Baptist Church. Her life was a living testimony to her faith and all that came in contact with her knew she was a Christian. She is survived by her sister - Bulah Tackett, Camarillo CA; her children James and Dianna Friar, Meridian, ID; Thomas and Sue Friar of Wellington, CO; Anita and Fred Diehl of Camarillo, CA; Deronda and Jerry Linder of Newbury Park, CA and Jay and Kathy Marchant, Oxnard, CA. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Otis Friar and J. W. Marchant; grandson James Michael Friar, Jr.; brothers Thurman Gattis, W.T. Gattis, Noble Gattis, Calvin Gattis and Lee Earl Gattis. A memorial service will be held August 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Wellington United Methodist Fellowship, 8251 Wellington Blvd, Wellington, Colorado. Another service will be held Thursday August 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Joseph P. Reardon Burial Funeral Home, Ventura, California with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be held in Oxnard, California at Ivy Lawn Cemetery. Her family would sincerely like to thank Chris at Goes Funeral Care, Fort Collins, CO for his compassionate and dedicated assistance; the staff at Columbine West Health Facility and Pathways Hospice, Fort Collins, CO for their loving care for Lillie. They became her and our extended family.

Comments



“ Aunt Belle was very special to me. She was able to positively influence all with whom she ever met. She was a warm, loving, and genuine person who met people very easily, and gained their confidence and respect instantly. If there ever was a person who lived a rich and full life, who never had anyone hold any ill- will toward them, it was certainly my aunt Belle. She looked for and found the best in all people. Her memory will live with me forever. I send this with all my love, wishing that I could be there for you. Jerry

Jerry Gattis - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Belle was one of the kindest most loving people I have ever known. She had the gift of being able to talk to anyone whether they were 8 or 80 and make them feel like they were the most important person in the room. When I married into the family almost 40 years ago, she immediately made me feel welcome and special. I always looked forward to visits with her through the years. She will be missed and she will always have a special place in my heart.

With love, Judy

Judy Gattis - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I wasn't able to get to know Lillie during her healthy, active years, I was privileged to be able to learn of her extraordinary life. Meeting Lillie's family during a weekend shift with Pathway's hospice was pure delight. The families love and testimony to the life of Lillie was a blessing and demonstrated a life well lived. Please accept my most sincere condolences for your loss. Angie with the long blonde hair

Angie Joseph - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I have many fond memories of good times at Lillie Belle's and Otis' home as I grew up. We would often go there, and the adults would play cards(Rook)while we kids played our games, etc. She was always a gracious hostess, and we all loved her. May God's blessings of comfort and strength be on Jim and Tom and all of the family.

Sally Featherston Hallum - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A Truly Dear Lady will be greatly missed,
The stars in heaven will be brighter because she will be there...

Jim & Rose Tuten - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandma,

The fond memories of childhood and the times we spent together will remain in my heart forever. Homemade gravy, bacon fried "not too crisp" but a little limber, canned biscuits with a little vegetable oil (to make them taste a bit better) and how proud you made me feel when I had cooked breakfast! The subtle teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ and how they really have stayed with me, through good and bad times. The crickets chirping at night when I had sleepovers with you and Grandpa. Two quotes I always remember, "Always look your best when going out as you never know who you might meet" and "This too shall pass". Thank you for all the Love, support and memories throughout my life.

Jamie Friar Kelly

Jamie Kelly - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM