



Ruby Doris Keener

November 20, 1933 - March 18, 2022

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Ruby Doris Keener, age 88 of Gallant, Alabama passed away Friday, March 18, 2022 at

Tishomingo Manor in Iuka, Mississippi. She also resided at TLC Nursing Home in Oneonta,

Alabama before the passing of her husband, James Keener.

Her funeral service will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Etowah Memorial Chapel. Burial

will follow at Pleasant Valley FMC Church in Gallant. Rev. Freddy Keener will officiate the

service. Pallbearers will be Preston Courtney, Tyler Gillis, Josh Gillis, William Keener, Wesley

Speegle and Adam Speegle. Honorary pallbearers will be bonus sons, Grahl and Neil Keener and special friend, Phillip Mulkey. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until 2 p.m. before the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to St. Jude Hospital.

She is survived by her sister, Betty (Phillip) Tidwell; brothers Donald (Judy) Shoffner and Eugene (Elawese) Shoffner; daughter, Lessie (Donald) Putnam, sons; Carl (Lynn) Gillis, Jeff (Tracie) Gillis, bonus sons; Neal Keener, Grahl (Angie) Keener, Walter (Katie) Keener, Steven (Glenda) Kelly Moore; bonus

daughter LaVonda (Tom) Payne; and 30 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James Keener, her parents; Walter and Annie Shoffner; brother, Freddie Shoffner; sister, Virginia Wilbanks; son Charles Gillis, daughter-in-law, Shelia Gillis; and bonus children Billy Gillis, George Gillis, Peggy Smith and Tony Moore.

Ruby was born in Manila, Arkansas on November 20, 1933. She graduated from Walnut High

School in Walnut, Mississippi in 1951. She retired from Walmart in luka, Mississippi in 1987

where she worked as a Department Manager.

She loved singing bluegrass gospel with her husband and friends. She was also a member of the Gallant Homemakers Club and enjoyed traveling to quilt shows and antique shops. Most

important, she loved her Savior, Jesus Christ and now rejoices with him in Heaven.

Special thanks to the staff and hospice at Tishomingo Manner in luka, Mississippi and the staff

of TLC Nursing Home in Oneonta, Alabama.

Etowah Memorial Chapel Directing

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Valley FCM Church Cemtery

52 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Gallant, AL 35972

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Etowah Memorial Chapel
12600 US Highway 431
Sardis City, AL 35956
(256) 593-4994

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby Doris Keener*

January 29, 2023 at 11:49 PM



“ *We loved having Ruby in our Gallant Homemakers Club. She always came in with a smile and a happy face.*

Marie McClendon - March 24, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ *I met Mrs.Ruby and Mr.James at a Pine Mountain blue grass festival back in 2009. Loved them both and enjoyed their singing. I tried to always sit by Mrs. Ruby because I loved talking to her. Both very sweet people. I will miss them very much. Glad I have a cd they made.*

AnnHamilton - March 21, 2022 at 09:28 PM



Thank You for your kind words.. Lessie

Lessie Putman - March 24, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Lessie and family , I am so sorry about your Mother . My prayers and thoughts are with your family . It has been years since we have spoken but we were teenagers then*

Lisa King - March 21, 2022 at 05:00 PM



I am sorry, I don't recognize your name but thank you for remembering her. Leasia

Lessie Putman - March 24, 2022 at 12:22 PM



I misspelled my own name... Lessie

Lessie Putman - March 24, 2022 at 12:23 PM