



## Bessie Louise Byrd Ray

February 10, 2022

Bessie Louise Byrd Ray, age 94 of Ringgold, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 10, 2022. She was born to the late William D. Byrd and Wincie Mae Caylor Byrd in Ringgold, was a lifelong resident of Ringgold and was a member of Indian Springs Church of God. Bessie was an upholsterer/seamstress for more than 50 years and was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend who will be greatly missed. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, James David Ray; siblings, Maggie Lee Byrd, Jake Byrd, Jessie Byrd, Edith Byrd, Myrtle Byrd, Mary Ruth Hixson, Dewy Byrd, Ralph Byrd, Rosie Chambers, Clarence Byrd and Evelyn Shoemake. Bessie is survived by her loving children, Shirley (Edward) Brown and Janet (Stanley) Kendrick; sister, Dot McAllister; 5 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, February 14, 2022 in the funeral home chapel, with Pastor Max Kessler and Pastor Alex Lawhon officiating. Entombment will follow in Lakewood Memory Gardens-South Mausoleum. The family will receive friends from 11:00 am until the funeral time on Monday. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold.