



Ola Pearl Marsh Buckalew

November 7, 2013

Ola Pearl Marsh Butts Buckalew, 89, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Thursday November 7, 2013 at her residence. A resident of the Ringgold area for the past 24 years, she attended Ringgold First Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Lee Buckalew; parents, Claude and Bell Thames Marsh; daughter, Barbara Ann Sewell and son, Billy Butts. She is survived by four children, Linda Worley (Thomas) of Ringgold, GA., Willie Walker of Ringgold, GA., Jesse J. Butts of Ringgold, GA., and Donald Walker (Sherry) of Fresno, CA.; brother, Marlin J. Marsh of Clearwater, FL., 10 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, 9 great great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held 2:00 P.M. Monday at Anderson Memorial Gardens in Ringgold, Georgia. In lieu of flowers the family ask donations be made to Hearth Hospice in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember all the days we spent at the houses that she lived in were full of laughter and busyness of our lives and she was always the center of the family. With all of the children and grand children running around. I have a hard time remembering anytime she ever scorned one of us for the noise all of us made.

She was a very strong woman even tho at times she didn't may not have thought she was. I have never told anyone of the story she told me....

I remember a conversation her and I had after I became an adult and was looking for work. She had told me that She worked at MLK Hospital in California and one of her bosses got "fresh" with her. She said that She stopped him right there and told him that " She had youngin's to raise and needed her job, but was not about to give into with what he wanted!

She told him that She would find other work before She lowered herself in that way!"

She had morals, self respect and honesty. She lived her life that way and that was how she was raising her children in the same way.

Grandmother Pearl is finally at peace and out of pain. She is in a better place than all of us. Although She will be missed greatly by us all. Someday we will see her again.

I Love you, Grandma

Marquita Dooley - Chickamauga, GA - 2nd Eldest Granddaughter - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Til we meet again*

Angel - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I don't have a whole lot of memories of Great-Grandma Pearl, But what few I do have was good. I'm sure you will be missed, Grandma Pearl, I wish I would have been allowed to know you better when I was a child, I'm sure you would have been a really good role model. Great-Grandma Pearl is in a much better and less dramatic place now without any more pain where shes able to relax. I'm know she can see everything clearly now that her mind isn't fogged with Alzheimer disease. I believe we will meet again Great-Grandma, and when we do, Id love for us to have a cup of coffee and just talk so I can get to know you better. Now you can Rest In Peace.*

Misty Lobrano - Beaufort, SC - Great-Granddaughter - November 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Nothing in life meant more to my momma than her children. She was completely family oriented. She revered her parents and told many tales of her childhood growing up poor in the worn out farming country of southern Alabama in the depression era of the 1920s and 30s. Married at the tender age of 14 to a strapping young farmer, Bill Butts, she had a total of eight children by him, two of which died shortly after birth. Her early life was filled with poverty and pain, but she was of stern character and not only survived, but thrived after his death at the young age of 43. She would remarry to a good man named Marvin "Buck" Buckalew and spent the last years of her life in comfort and joy as her children grew into families of their own. Until the last days of her life she still spent her time concerned that her children's lives be the best they could be. She was always my rock and her teaching was what my life was built around. I loved her as a mother, teacher, confidant, and friend. Goodby dear sweet Momma and be happy in heaven with your new eyes and body. May your eternity with your family who passed before you be as joyous as it should be. With all my love, your son, Wilburn.

Willie Wilburn Walker - Ringgold, GA - Eldest son - November 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My condolences to all the family. My love to my friends Linda and Tom. Pearl you were well loved and will be missed.

Jan Hicks - Savannah , GA - Friend - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest in peace my dear, sweet, Aunt Pearl. Your home was a loving place full of too many memories to name. I will miss you. Much love to my family.

Claudia Marsh Bessette - Arroyo Grande, CA - Niece - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM