



Mrs. Sue Kate Smallwood Breedlove

September 17, 1915 - September 15, 2015

Sue Kate Smallwood Breedlove, age 99, a native of Bruce, MS and resident of Loxley, AL passed away Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Heaven's gates opened up last night for Sue Kate Breedlove of Loxley. She was two days short of her 100th birthday. Her beloved Charlie who she shared life and 14 children with for over 60 years and her oldest child - Mae - I am sure are celebrating with her today. Sue Kate and Charlie were proud people who grew up pre-depression and knew about hard, hard work. They left their beloved Northeast Mississippi and moved to Mobile in WWII so Charlie could find a job in the shipbuilding industry that was thriving there. After the war they settled in Baldwin County, AL between what is now Daphne and Fairhope where Charlie managed the huge cattle business of the Corte Farms. The family work ethic carried over to the clan as parents and children worked together in the potato fields and picked up pecans under the big stately trees that dotted the fields around the old two-story farmhouse. Some of the older kids also worked with their mom in the potato sheds grading and packing potatoes for shipment all over the country. Once Rickey (the youngest of the clan born 55 years ago with Down's syndrome) was in school Sue Kate went to work herself doing what the mother of 14 does best - cooking! She worked in two Fairhope school lunchrooms for over 20 years before retiring to care for Charlie until he passed away. Their door was always open, table always spread and hearts always giving for those who needed something in their home. What a beautiful legacy for those of us who remain. While they weren't wealthy by monetary standards they were among the richest people I knew with love to give to those around them and the love of LOTS of family. The table in their house was always laden with vegetables from Charlie's unbelievable gardens along with the other delicacies she was known to churn out of that kitchen!! The cornbread dressing she prepared by the gallons for holiday gatherings and that well-loved chocolate bread pudding will never be the same again. Some of us have come very close but just didn't quite have that "SUE KATE FLAVOR." I teased her that she must have stuck her finger in the food because it always was THE BEST. I will never forget the first time I had her fried chicken...oh man...it was the best in the country - she wasn't stingy with the oil and cooks know that's what makes fried chicken. Although her frying days had been over for a long, long time she was still churning out goodies from the kitchen until she broke her hip last

year. One of my favorite memories of my times with Charlie and Sue Kate came from many years ago. They were about to have their 50th wedding anniversary and the kids were throwing a big celebration. I asked some of them how their parents met and other such questions and the kids really didn't know. When you have that many in a family such trivia never gets discussed! So I decided I would interview them both, prepare a little booklet of their life together as a couple and print and distribute it at the anniversary celebration. I remember like yesterday sitting in the living room in front of Charlie's chair asking questions and learning about how Sue Kate peeked out the curtains from the house where she grew up to look at him as he was walking to work...he teased her about it that day! And as usual with them they always exchanged good natured barbs and banter...usually opening with "Old man...you know..." or "Old lady you can't remember anything..." I got that story out and re-read it yesterday to remind me of the many blessings received from those two important people in my family's life. Many personalities have been shaped and as several grandchildren have indicated on FB already "I am the person I am today" largely because of Grandma or Uma or whatever their chosen name for her. Rest in peace sweet lady and enjoy the reunion with the other saints who have gone before you!

Mrs. Breedlove was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie T. Breedlove; daughter, Mae Baker; grandchildren, Charles "Lonnie" Breedlove, Ashleigh Diane Miller and Janella Murphy. She is survived by five daughters, Barbara, (Quinton) Foster of Opelika, AL, Rebecca (Benson) Goodwin of Robertsdale, AL, Catherine Thomas of Robertsdale, AL, Brenda (Art) Pedraza of Robertsdale, AL, Linda Wilson of Belforest, AL; eight sons, Charles Breedlove of Summerdale, AL, Robert Breedlove of Loxley, AL, Jimmy (Teresa) Breedlove of Mobile, AL, Travis (Barbara) Breedlove of Opelika, AL, Tommy (Dina) Breedlove of Summerdale, AL, Dennis (Patsy) Breedlove of Mobile, AL, Mitchell (Debi) Breedlove of Midland City, AL, Richard "Ricky" Breedlove of Loxley, AL; 35 grandchildren; 47 great grandchildren and 15 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the Loxley First Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Loxley, AL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Sue Kate Smallwood Breedlove's memory for Richard "Ricky" Breedlove at any Regions Bank. Arrangements by Mack Funeral Home & Crematory, HWY 59 Robertsdale, AL.
www.mackfuneral.com

Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery

Loxley, AL, 36551

Events

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SEP **Funeral**

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