



Jo Rooks

July 11, 1935 - March 17, 2023

Hilda Jo (Mearse) Rooks, was born in Rosalie Alabama July 11, 1935 to her parents, Emmett O. and Bessie M. (Walker) Mearse. Jo spent her primary and pre-high school years at Rosalie School. She married her soul-mate and loving husband of 69 years, Kenneth Herman Rooks in August 1952, while Kenneth was on a short leave from military service during the Korean Conflict. Thereafter, began what their sons would describe as a “true love story” between the two of them. Upon completion of his military service, Kenneth and Jo moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee and secured employment with E.I. Dupont where they made a successful life for the next 30+ years and raised two sons. Jo became a full-time homemaker and supported Kenneth while he continued his work with Dupont and became a homebuilder. Jo entered the world of banking as the Executive Assistant to the President of Chattanooga Federal Savings and Loan. As her career progressed Jo entered the Human Resources Field in the Personnel Office of Volunteer State Insurance Company in Chattanooga Tennessee, from which she later retired after a successful career. Now both retired, Jo and Kenneth returned to the family farm in Henagar, Alabama until recently when they moved to New Market Alabama to be nearer son Jack Rooks.

Jo is survived by her son’s Larry Rooks (Mary Ann); Jack Rooks (Lynne), Grandchildren, Holly Rooks Grenvicz (Joseph), Bradley Rooks (Jill), Lauren Rooks McGehee (Jacob), and Tyler Rooks, as well as Great Grandchildren: Lyla Grenvicz, Betsy Grenvicz, Clay Grenvicz, Hayden Rooks, Hope Rooks,

and Cillian McGehee.

Preceding Jo in death were her Husband Kenneth, and her Parents, Emmett and Bessie Mearse.

During their time in Chattanooga, Jo and Kenneth were long time members of the Memorial Baptist Church, followed by many years of membership in the Pisgah Baptist Church after their move back to the Henagar Alabama farm. Throughout her life, Jo epitomized the qualities of “The Godly Wife” committed to following Jesus in her daily life as a Prayer Warrior, Loving Wife, committed Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. She is adored and revered by every single member of her family, and was affectionately known as “Miss Jo” by her preschoolers who she led at both Memorial Baptist and Pisgah Baptist Church for many years. She loved to teach little children, and was a selfless servant and quintessential Godly Woman. Slow to judge, and quick to praise and encourage her family as well as others with whom she came in contact. As her time on earth drew near, she longed for the day to greet Jesus alongside her true love Kenneth. What a reunion they must be having today as they receive their rewards for lives well lived.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 2:00PM at Rainsville Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Matthew Kilgore officiating. Burial will follow in Rainsville Memorial Park with Rainsville Funeral Home, Inc. directing, www.rainsvillefuneralhome.com. Mrs. Rooks’ family will receive friends on Saturday from 12:00PM until time of service.

Cemetery Details

Rainsville Memorial Park

498 McCurdy Avenue North
Rainsville, AL 35986

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rainsville Funeral Home
498 Mccurdy Ave N
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Service

MAR 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Jo Rooks.



March 24, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Jo Rooks.



March 23, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jo Rooks.



March 23, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Jo Rooks.



March 23, 2023 at 12:37 PM

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“ Tommy & Shelia Stewart and Kelly Glosson purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jo Rooks.



Tommy & Shelia Stewart and Kelly Glosson - March 21, 2023
at 09:51 PM

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“ Love Jane Rooks Cohn and Pat Cohn Cluck purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jo Rooks.



Love Jane Rooks Cohn and Pat Cohn Cluck - March 20, 2023
at 10:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Rooks.



March 20, 2023 at 02:13 PM