



Lee Anna Bell Farris

September 9, 1930 - August 23, 2017

Lee Anna Bell Farris, 86, Holden, Missouri, passed away August 23, 2017 at Holden Manor Care Center. She was born September 9, 1930 to Jennings and Marie (Riddle) Sechrest in Holden. She was the oldest of seven children, two of which have preceded her in death- James Sechrest and Earl Sechrest. Surviving her passing are Lillian Taylor, Goldie Mann, Joe Sechrest and Clarence Sechrest. She loved her sisters and brothers.

She married Bill McKinney, and they had three children, Dale McKinney of Lone Jack, Stella Smith of Holden, and Robert McKinney of Kingsville. She and Bill lived most of their married life in Lone Jack. Bill passed away in 1964 in a tractor accident.

Her second marriage to Les Farris lasted almost 50 years. They moved to Holden about 20 years ago.

Ann loved life. She was only 34 when she lost her first husband and had difficult times afterward but was strong and got through it. She loved to bowl and she loved people. She could start a conversation with a stranger in a checkout line and talk to them like she had known them forever.

She had a great sense of humor and her family loved to see the twinkle in her eyes when she smiled. Her family was important to her, she always tried to help when she could and always wanted to "make sure they had plenty to eat". The past few years she had a very fat little dog she called Bandit and always worried about Bandit eating enough as well. Her goal was to take care of everyone and everything.

Ann was a member of the Forrest Grove Baptist Church most of her life. After they moved to Holden, they joined the Holden First Baptist Church. Going to church was important to her and she was sad when her health problems made it impossible for her to attend.

Ann was proud to tell you she had nine grandchildren; RW McKinney, Stacey McKinney, Melisa McKinney, Steven McKinney, Cybill Justice, Kevin Smith, Crystal McKinney, Aaron Brown and Roberta O'Loughlin. She had seventeen Great Grandchildren.

When Ann's health began to decline after her husband Les' death, her family came in to stay with her giving her 24 hour care. She loved knowing that they cared about her enough to take time out of the lives to help her.

If Ann could send a message to you today, with her memory and thought processes all back in place, she would tell you to love Jesus, to ask him into your heart so you can join her where she is in heaven.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Holden Cemetery Association in memory of Lee Anna Bell Ferris.

Graveside services will be August 25, 2017 11:00am at the Holden Cemetery with Pastor Michael Wakeman officiating.

The family will receive friends at the cemetery prior to the graveside at 10:00am.

Cemetery Details

Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street
Holden, MO 64040

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Ann was a very fine lady, and I was very blessed to have her in my life. We didn't live really close, but I truly valued the visits my Grandpa and Grandma, Lee and Helen Farris, had with them both. I know this is a pretty belated comment, but to all of her other family and friends, my condolences.

Tess Robertson - May 14, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ Anna sang hymns with me when she was in the hospital recently. Sweet spirit. Still knew them pretty well.

Juanita Moore - August 25, 2017 at 09:09 AM

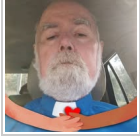


“ Thank You. Your post is now pending approval.

Dear Annabelle,
I am sad see you gone but not forgotten... you are great mother in law and grandma to my children... my condolences and 🙏🙏🙏🙏 to Dale, Stella , Robert and Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren.. You are wonderful to my children so much they have been raised.... Thank you see you in Heaven soon.. Love Dianna's
dianna ragland - 1 second ago



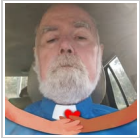
dianna ragland - August 24, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ Lynn Williams-Hufft lit a candle in memory of Lee Anna Bell Farris



Lynn Williams-Hufft - August 24, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ I really enjoyed delivering her meals. She was very kind. Bandit try to get out and a few times I found him sitting in drivers seat in my car. Had to take him back to door.

Lynn Williams-Hufft - August 24, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ Toni lit a candle in memory of Lee Anna Bell Farris



Toni - August 24, 2017 at 03:55 PM



“ Annabelle,
I am sad and You are Gone But Not Forgotten.. your memories are in my heart.. My condolences and 🙏🙏🙏 to Dale, Stella , Robert , and Grandchildren.... Miss you
And Love you, Love Dianna White-Mckinney - Ragland



DiannaRagland - August 24, 2017 at 12:36 PM

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“ Dear Annabelle,
I am so sad for you being Gone Not Forgotten
you.. Your memories is in my heart.. my
condolences to Dale, Stella , Robert, and
Grandchildren.... Love Dianna



Dianna White-Ragland - August 24, 2017 at 11:11 AM

Stacey
McKinney

“ Grandma, you will always be loved and
remembered by those who know and love
you. I will always think about the times when
we were little and just had to walk across the
field to see you. You always made biscuits
and gravy whenever you knew ahead of time that we would be over
and would want them. You never complained about having all your
grandchildren over all at once. The moments everyone was together
were the happiest moments. You were the glue that kept everyone
together. I only hope that we will all continue to find time to be
together as a family. I hope you knew how important you were and
how much you were loved.



Stacey McKinney - August 24, 2017 at 11:11 AM