



Estelle Benson

January 24, 2014

Obituary of Estelle Benson

Estelle W Benson, 85, went to be with our Lord on January 24 2014. Estelle was born into a family of 13 children. She was an adventurous young girl and left her birthplace, Bad Ridge Virginia, to make a better life for herself. Estelle believed that hard work and honesty would reap her great benefits. She became a dedicated and persevering business woman and owned and over saw several businesses during her lifetime. A construction business in Riverside CA, an auction business in Leesburg FL, and she owned and operated Estelle's Country Kitchen restaurant in Lady Lake FL for over 20 years. Most recently, 12 years ago along with her husband Earl, she purchased the failing Orange Blossom Opry in Weirsdale FL. Because of her love of music, this not only became a most popular country music venue, but she was able to save the jobs of approximately 12 musicians, singers and staff. Estelle's kind heart was always open to help the less fortunate and she would never turn down a request for help. She will be greatly missed by her many friends, acquaintances and business associates. Estelle is survived by her loving husband Earl of Summerfield FL, three sons, Harold (Charlotte) Bullhead City AZ, Eric (Kellie) of Tavares FL, and Brian of Summerfield FL. She also leaves behind her most cherished four grandchildren, Tracy, Cody, Cree, and Melodie and one great grandson, Tyler. Sisters Josephine Bryant of Coeburn VA, Ruby Stanley of Caney Ridge VA, Jacqueline Flemming of

Clintwood VA and many nephews and nieces. A celebration of her life will be held at the Orange Blossom Opry, Weirsdale FL on January 28, 2014, Tuesday evening at 7 PM. A private interment will take place at Lady Lake Cemetery, Lady Lake, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center, 300 S. Canal St., Leesburg, FL 34748 or for credit card donations, phone the Center at 352-323-8303 or go to webpage: www.cac4kids.org

Services

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Interment

A private interment will take place at Lady Lake Cemetery, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Estelle was such a very special lady and will be greatly missed. She was especially welcoming to us at the Opry. Estelle and Earl and the entire Opry staff have made the music world a better place with all their hard work and devotion. Estelle had a way of bringing out the best in people. Our condolences to the family.*

Barney and Nancy Miesse - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Earl, I am so sorry for your loss. Estelle was a wonderful woman and I loved her dearly. God will hold you in his arms at this most difficult time.*

Margie Stackhouse - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Estelle was a great woman who made the world a better place with her kind heart. My heartfelt condolences to her family.*

Karen Baumgardner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *We knew Estelle to at least 30 years having met her at the restaurant when we moved to Lady Lake. She was always so kind and friendly...time would go by and we'd not see her and then...there she'd be...like no time at all. We will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Jim and Jackie Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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“ *Our hearts goes out to you all. A wonderful and feisty friend to the Daniels Family. We loved her a lot. We will visit her resting place the next time we are in Florida as we visit Tina's. God's Blessings and Comfort to all of you.*

Lanette and Joe Daniels - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Estelle Benson*

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