



Freda Hames McKinley

September 5, 1923 - June 12, 2013

Obituary of Freda Hames McKinley

Freda Marion Hames McKinley, born September 5, 1923 in Belleview, FL to John Freeman and Marjorie Merrill Hames, departed this earth on June 12, 2013 in Leesburg, FL. She graduated from Ocala High School in 1940, attended Camp Roosevelt near Ocala before leaving for Washington, DC to work for the War Department during WWII.

She moved back to Florida after the war and married Detmer Gillham McKinley. They moved to Eustis, Florida and settled there with their family. She was an active member of Bay Street Baptist Church teaching in the beginner department. In 1964 the family moved to Leesburg and have remained here ever since. The family joined Westside Baptist Church soon after moving and were members for many years. In later years she and Detmer were active members of Faith's Outreach Center. In her last years she was a member of Leesburg Christian Center. She was an avid flower gardener, reader and enjoyed fishing and doing crossword puzzles.

Freda was the first woman who ever worked for the Leesburg Police Department. She was secretary first to Chief Fisher, then Chief Perry. She was clerk of the court when Leesburg had a local court. She retired from there in 1987. She loved The Lord Jesus first of all. She loved to travel and did so

whenever she could get Detmer to take her somewhere. She loved vacationing in Sanibel, especially the sea shells. She loved her children and grandchildren and spent many hours playing board games and doing whatever she could to make their lives a joy. When the great grandchildren came along she rejoiced even more. She and Detmer did anything they could to help their family become strong Christians. Their grandchildren enjoyed making summer visits with them. She loved going to yard sales. When she was able to, she loved to work in her flower beds.

She is survived by a sister Norma Hames Law, three daughters, Molly McKinley, Marjorie McDonald (Randy), Kathleen Hood (Dennis), stepdaughter Martha Ruth McKinley Hughes, 12 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren (and 2 on the way), and some great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings Avis Janette Hames and Doris Winifred Hames Howard, her husband Detmer Gillham McKinley and her son John Wesley Welch.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Leesburg Christian Center with funeral service following at 11:00 am with Pastor Alex Hollaway officiating. Interment will be at Lakeside Memorial Gardens, Eustis.

Tribute Wall



“ *Freda Hames McKinley*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful Christian woman. Marge I know you will miss her but We all know she is in heaven with her lord and savior.*

Ben marshall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *When my brother Michael left this earth, my Mother held fast to this scripture, This is after King David and Bathsheba's son has died; 2 Samuel 12:23 But now he is dead, Wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me. This is the promise we have in Christ Jesus, that we who believe and know the Lord Jesus as our Savior will see our loved ones again. May you find peace in the hallow of the hand of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Pati Sears-Burnett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *It sounds cliché to say your Mamma is in a better place ..., but in her case it is so very true. Each loved one we lose takes a piece of our hearts, and leaves us with many warm memories. God welcomed her home, filled her with peace, and she is resting in the arms of the angels. She will be remembered well by many, and her spirit will live through the many people who were blessed to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you by restoring peace in your hearts and minds. With heartfelt sympathy...hugs and blessings, Nancy, Bob & Mom*

Nancy & Bob R and Marjorie B - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mamma, I miss you already, but I know you are in heaven with Daddy and all those who have gone before us. Save us a place...enjoy your new leg and keep that beautiful smile on your face...you were so loved, more than I think you knew.*

Marjorie McKinley McDonald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Words can't express enough how one feels at a time like this. Your Mom was loved and will be missed. We know she has gone to a better place. With God's Grace we will see her again one day. Love U Guys. D*

Darlene Spear - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *She was a remarkable woman, a God dedicated woman, a woman who laid down her life for her family, a strong woman...as strong and as vibrant as her bright finger nail polish! Her three daughters were her replicas with some add ons and take aways that their creator designed to be that way. She fought the good fight and never lost her sense of humor or withered from the duration of the battle. She cared deeply about the seeds she planted in the lives she tended and watered all those seeds with tears and prayer and faith fertilizer. A woman who has been rewarded...a lamb in His sheepfold nuzzling against Jesus even now, completely at rest and utterly aware of His fathomless love for her...now and forever. A woman whose bright blue eyes sparkle with glorywe loved her too.*

shelly holloway - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ God bless each of you. May the care and comfort you have given to many be yours today. Much love to each of you. Arthur & Ann Lawrence.

Arthur & Ann Lawrence - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Miss Freda embodied the term "Steel Magnolia." She gave so much to others reaching them with her always positive outlook. She knew that regardless of the outward circumstances, God was in control and she let her faith guide her and others. Her wonderful sense of humor was punctuated by her infectious laugh and twinkle in those piercing blue eyes. She was (and is) loved and will be greatly missed by so many.

Lisa Coker - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ A heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. We know the pain your feeling from recently losing both of our fathers. God bless you and keep you as you overcome this enormous sorrow..
Respectfully, Paul & Karri Shaffer

Paul & Karri Shaffer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I miss you so much, Grandma. I know you are free from pain and are whole again. We are left with void that can only be filled with The Lord. In time, we will learn to pass to others the love and kindness and attention that we received and continue your legacy. I love you, Grandma!

Doug McDonald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Marge and Family, Wishing you peace and comfort at this most difficult time of sorrow. She fought the good fight and now she is resting and at peace.

Aunt Polly - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Such a blessing to others... we will all miss her. I can just see her and Mc rejoicing in a reunion. God keep his blessing on each of you..

Eugene and Ginger Leggett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ " In my Father's house there are many rooms. I go to prepare a place for you! " Shalom

Henry & Betsy Swain - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all and still with Freda, she will always be a presence in our lives, what a wonderful joyful person and an inspiration to all. With love, Joan Hennis and Theresa

joan hennis - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM