



Mary Leila Benton Russell

December 15, 1923 - November 5, 2018

Mrs. Mary Leila Benton Russell, age 94 of Griffin, widow of Jesse Rhodes “Jet” Russell, passed away at her home on Monday, November 5, 2018.

Mrs. Russell was born December 15, 1923 in Monticello, GA. She was a member of Griffin First Baptist Church. She was a school teacher for over 35 years with Spalding Jr. High School and retiring from Crescent Elementary School. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hamp & Ruby Benton.

Survivors include her sons, R.H. “Hamp” Russell of Griffin and Thomas Lee Russell and Sara Underwood Russell also of Griffin; grandchildren, Travis Benton Russell & Stevy of Salem, OR and Jennifer Ellen Nicholson & Iain of Griffin.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Leila Benton Russell will be held Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Griffin First Baptist Church with Dr. Bill Hardee officiating. Burial will follow in Westview Cemetery in Monticello, GA. Friends may visit the family on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Those desiring may make a donation to Griffin First Baptist Church, 106 W. Taylor St., Griffin, GA 30223 in memory of Mrs. Russell.

To pay condolences online to the family you may do so at www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

Monticello, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home
1155 Everee Inn Road
Griffin, GA 30224
(770) 229-4994
<https://www.haistenmcculloughfunerals.com>

Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Griffin First Baptist Church
106 W. Taylor St.
Griffin, GA 30223

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Leila Benton Russell*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Hamp and Lee, so sorry to hear of your loss . Thoughts and Prayers for the family ! Jay Lawrence- Milledgeville Ga.*

jay lawrence - November 18, 2018 at 02:14 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Leila Benton Russell.*



November 11, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ *Oh my goodness I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Mary. She was truly the sweetest lady I had the pleasure of knowing. Hamp and family are all in my thoughts and prayers. Missy Love*

Missy Love - November 08, 2018 at 03:51 PM

BI

“ To the Russell family (Hamp and Lee, and others)

Your Mom was a sweet lady - she always had a smile for others. I know she is happy to, once again, be with your Dad. We will all miss them both. God rest her soul.

Bill and Sue Blum

Bill - November 07, 2018 at 10:13 PM

MC

“ Dear Hamp & Lee,
Your mother and I had some funny conversations about our cats. I will never forget the story about the stray cat she named "Boy" before she found out it was a girl but she still called her "boy"! She was one of a kind and she will be missed. My sympathy to you in your loss.



Marilyn (Ronald) Cook

Marilyn Cook - November 07, 2018 at 04:07 PM

MC

“ Dear Hamp & Lee.....As a child, I remember visiting your home in Griffin on different occasions along with our Benton family. There was always much laughter being exchanged between your mother & her 5 Benton cousins, most of it related to memories of their childhood in Monticello. I regret being unable to join you at her services, but please know that you two & your families are in my love & prayers. I am..... Mary Lucie Benton Cruce (daughter of Taney O. Benton, Jr. - Mary Leila's 1st cousin)

Mary Lucie Benton Cruce - November 07, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Leila Benton Russell.*



November 07, 2018 at 04:57 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Leila Benton Russell.*



November 06, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Leila Benton Russell.*



November 06, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ *I will miss the wonderful Mary Russell who along with Jet were great friends and neighbors for many years. Her passing is like the end of an era.*

Floyd Heberer - November 06, 2018 at 01:03 PM

SW

“ Sorry for your loss.



Sandra Walker - November 06, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mary Leila Benton Russell.



November 06, 2018 at 08:19 AM

SF

“ Scott and Charla Floyd purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Leila Benton Russell.



Scott and Charla Floyd - November 05, 2018 at 08:07 PM