



Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh

March 9, 1934 - February 7, 2017

Mrs. Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh of Parkin, Arkansas, died Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Eda Claire was born in Wynne, Arkansas on March 9, 1934 to Robert M. and Eda Cunningham Lake. She was the former Mayor of Parkin, taught in the Parkin School District, was a member of the Parkin Garden Club and the City Beautification. She was an avid scrap booker and a big fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks. She was a member of the Parkin United Methodist Church. Eda Claire was devoted to her family and a care giver to many.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Slabaugh in 2000, sister, Jeanette Lake and her parents, Robert and Eda Lake.

Survivors are her daughters, Renee Clark and husband Jackie of Wynne, Rachele Shea and husband Greg of Horseshoe Lake, grandchildren, Claire Clark, Martin Shea, Kallyn Shea Walters, great grandchildren, Bailey Shea, Peyton Shea, Hadley Walters and Avery Walters, special friend, Cliff Jarrell, extended family, Edna Mae Collins and F. J. Jones.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 1 PM until 2:30 PM at Parkin United Methodist Church with funeral services following at 2:30 PM. Burial will be in Cogbill Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Parkin United Methodist Church, P O Box 291 Parkin, Arkansas 72373.

Cemetery Details

Cogbill Cemetery

Wynne, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Parkin First United Methodist Church
100 W Smithdale Ave
Parkin, AR 72373

Funeral service

FEB 9. 2:30 PM (CT)

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100 W Smithdale Ave
Parkin, AR 72373

Interment

FEB 9 (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery
Wynne, AR

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Brian Johnson lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh*



Brian Johnson - March 22, 2017 at 09:38 PM

DF

“ *Teens and family so sorry to hear about Ms Eda Claire. She certainly was a very special lady. Getting to know her a several years ago was a delight for me. She will be missed by many. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Danny and Debbie Fuzzell*

Debbie Fuzzell - February 10, 2017 at 10:01 AM

EN

“ *Emily Melhorn Neller lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh*



Emily Melhorn Neller - February 10, 2017 at 07:26 AM

CK

“ *Carolyn Kelley lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh*



Carolyn Kelley - February 09, 2017 at 05:50 PM

CK

“ *Eda Claire was a dear friend. She did a lot for the City of Parkin as their first woman mayor. Her work at the Cross County Museum will always be there. She said she was working on the flood. I know her daughters will not remember me but I did babysit when i lived across the street. May God Comfort you at this time.*

Carolyn Kelley - February 09, 2017 at 05:47 PM

JR

“ *She was the perfect example of everything a southern lady should be. She was an inspiration to many in her community in so many ways. The relationship and bond that Ms Eda Claire and her daughters, Renee and Rachele shared with Eda Claire's sister Jeanette it is something I always think of when I think of them. Though you may not see people often and for numerous years there are certain memories that you keep that forever inspire you.*

Julie Roeder

Julie Roeder - February 09, 2017 at 02:15 PM

SM

“ *Eda Claire was the most loving, welcoming, enthusiastic supporter who made me feel like the guest of honor every time I've visited Arkansas from New Hampshire, year after year. She opened her lake house to me and my husband; she felt like family to us. Of course, welcoming me was the LEAST of the many wonderful things she's done for the Parkin/Wynne area and for Arkansas, but her kindness to this Yankee will never be forgotten. She was a tireless supporter of the arts, of literacy and culture, and she made everyone around her feel happy and excited about whatever was going on. We've lost a great lady and I've lost a great friend.*
--Sy Montgomery

Sy Montgomery - February 09, 2017 at 07:54 AM

SF

“ Mrs. Eda Claire has always been a sweet lady and will truly be missed by many. Renee, Jackie, and Claire you will be in my prayers.

Suzanne Pickett and family - February 08, 2017 at 11:04 PM

JV

“ Jerry And Jan Voyles lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh



Jerry and Jan voyles - February 08, 2017 at 10:03 PM

FH

“ Fredricka Hill lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh



fredricka hill - February 08, 2017 at 08:08 PM

FH

“ You will be missed in this community u loved Parkin so deepest condolences our former mayor family



fredricka hill - February 08, 2017 at 08:07 PM

LL

“ Lights are dimmed in Parkin
was an honor knowing Eda Clair
My family sends our deepest sympathy to her family
Linda Littlejohn and family

Linda Littlejohn - February 08, 2017 at 04:45 PM

CK

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people in parkin and her work at cross county
museum her girls want remember me but I did
babysit them one night I lived across
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carolyn kelley



carolyn kelley - February 08, 2017 at 04:01 PM

PN

“ I became friends with Eda Claire when she was appointed mayor. I
was her mentor until she became familiar with the job. I
encountered her to call me with questions about city business. We
had a lot of conversations. We also was in the ASU regional leaders
together. Great memories. Sorry for your loss. Paul Nichols

Paul Nichols - February 08, 2017 at 03:35 PM

VJ

“ Vickie Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Eda
Claire Lake Slabaugh



Vickie Jenkins - February 08, 2017 at 03:14 PM

MG

“ Missy Gahr lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh



Missy Gahr - February 08, 2017 at 12:27 PM

LC

“ Ms. Eda Claire was my 1st grade teacher in 1957-58 at Parkin Elementary at the old school building. She stuck out in my memory of every teacher I had. She made going to school my very first year a pleasant experience. When I was 15 we moved across the road from her and Mr. Bill at Giesick. I just had to go and see their new baby Rene. I only have fond memories of Ms. Eda Claire and she will be missed by all. I am a better person by knowing her.

Linda Utley Clayton

Linda Clayton - February 08, 2017 at 10:04 AM

JR

“ Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends at this your time of loss. We wanted to share a thought found at Job 14:14,15 it states, "If a man dies, can he live again? I will wait all the days of my compulsory service Until my relief comes. You will call, and I will answer you. You will long for the work of your hands." May you have peace and comfort."

JR

Jay River - February 08, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh.*



February 08, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Eldridge Brawner lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh*



Eldridge Brawner - February 08, 2017 at 03:09 AM



“ *Renee, and all the members of Ms Eda Claire's family, we want to extend our families' condolences on her passing. She was a gracious and dedicated woman to her family and to the people of her community who share your loss. Grace and peace to you all at this sad time.*

Greg Spence on behalf of the whole Spence family

Greg Spence - February 07, 2017 at 11:42 PM



“ *Roland & Brenda McGruder lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh*



Roland & Brenda McGruder - February 07, 2017 at 10:37 PM

RW

“ *Parkin has lost one of its finest citizens.*

Ms Eda Claire was an inspiration to so many.



Rev Tony Wells - February 07, 2017 at 10:07 PM

RM

“ *Roland & Brenda McGruder lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh*



Roland & Brenda McGruder - February 07, 2017 at 10:01 PM

RM

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Roland & Brenda McGruder - February 07, 2017 at 09:57 PM

RM

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Roland & Brenda McGruder - February 07, 2017 at 09:46 PM

BC

“ When this sweet lady passed away, Parkin lost someone who had been a positive influence there her whole life. I know she will be missed. Prayers to her girls and their families.

Becky Cecil - February 07, 2017 at 07:42 PM

BC

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Becky Cecil - February 07, 2017 at 07:35 PM

GH

“ There are too many good times we've shared together to put on here, Eda Claire was an angel, she touched many lives through her own. Words can't express the true friendship we have shared. The Love for her family, church and friends would be hard to match. God gained a fine lady today and I'm sure she is smiling down on us. May the Lord comfort the family and all those that will miss her being in our lives.

Gary Harlow & Family

Gary J HARLOW - February 07, 2017 at 06:38 PM

GH

“ Gary J HARLOW sent a virtual gift in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh



Gary J HARLOW - February 07, 2017 at 06:29 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hicks lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh*



Linda Hicks - February 07, 2017 at 05:39 PM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. Such a wonderful person. She will be truly missed.*

John and Kim Cooper - February 07, 2017 at 05:38 PM

VH

“ *My deepest condolences. She was a beautiful lady. The city of Parkin will miss her tremendously.*

Vickie Hogland-Hall - February 07, 2017 at 04:15 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for the loss of this precious lady. She was so good to Jenna and I during the time she was Miss Rice. Sweet memories....and such a worker!*



Jennifer and Jenna Martin - February 07, 2017 at 04:14 PM

VH

“ Vickie Hogland-Hall lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh



Vickie Hogland-Hall - February 07, 2017 at 04:14 PM

DS

“ Eda Claire was such a sweet person. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jeff and Donna Sisk

Donna Sisk - February 07, 2017 at 03:58 PM

DS

“ Donna Sisk lit a candle in memory of Eda Claire Lake Slabaugh



Donna Sisk - February 07, 2017 at 03:54 PM

MM

To the all members of Eda Claire's family: Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International send our condolences. She was not only a member of our chapter, but a good friend. She was a very talented person that always contributed so much to our Chapter and to both communities of Parkin and Wynne. We will always remember the last inspirational thought that she gave for us in February of last year, and the last food she prepared in November. RIP Eda Claire!

Martha Milam - February 08, 2017 at 07:09 PM