



## Elsie Elizabeth Rooks

September 27, 1928 - May 24, 2022

Elsie Elizabeth Rooks entered her heavenly home on May 24, 2022, at Heisinger Bluffs Care Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. Elsie was born to David Claude Rhodes and Lily Viola Smith Rhodes on September 27, 1928, in Vanndale, Arkansas. She gave her heart to Jesus at a neighbor's house church, an outdoor arbor, at age 12, and has served Him, her family, and many others in her life. She was a dedicated, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt. She loved attending Bible studies and church, reading her Bible and other good books, cooking, gardening, and sewing. She was a homemaker in every sense of the word.

In September of 1945, Elsie was married to Billy George Rooks who preceded her in death in 2005. When Bill returned from serving in Japan in 1947, they made their living by rice farming, but in 1956 they moved to the Chicago area and lived there until retiring in Wynne in 1988. Elsie was persuaded to move nearer to family in Jefferson City, Missouri in 2012 where she enjoyed sharing daily life, holidays, and special occasions.

Elsie is survived by daughters, Barbara Hills of LaGrande, Oregon, Joan E. Shaw and husband Kenny of Jefferson City, Missouri, Lori Johnson and husband Lawrence of Nordland, Washington, son, Mark Rooks and wife Deanna, of Knoxville, Tennessee, grandchildren, Clayton Scott Hills, Stacey Rynearson, Jeremy Hills, Jennifer Goodman, Tate Shaw, Samantha Spencer,

Erik Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Emily Kuhn, Christa Peluso, Cole Rooks, 20 great grandchildren, nephews, Jerry Brewster, Joey Rooks, David, Ken, and Mike Rhodes; nieces, Phyllis Calvert, Linda Oldham, Kim Milburn, and Carolyn Presley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Durward, Willie Hoyt, and W. C. Rhodes and husband Billy Rooks.

Visitation will be held at Kernodle Funeral Home, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, from 12 until 2 PM. Funeral services will follow at 2 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Vanndale Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Vanndale Cemetery, St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital, or World Vision.

# Cemetery Details

## Vanndale Cemetery

Vanndale, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Funeral service

JUN 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

JUN 1 (CT)

Vanndale Cemetery  
Vanndale, AR

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Joan and Kenny,*

*Please know we are thinking of you and your family for your loss of Elsie. I know you both did so much for her. May God comfort you in your loss. Russ & Cindy Swanigan*

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russ - May 31, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsie Elizabeth Rooks.*



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May 31, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elsie Elizabeth Rooks.*



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May 30, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elsie Elizabeth Rooks.*



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May 29, 2022 at 08:55 PM

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“ I have known Elsie practically all of my life. It was at my parents home where she became a Christian at the 12 years of age. Her family were wonderful neighbors of ours. She was always such a sweet, kind and gracious lady. I know she will be greatly missed by all her family and friends who loved her so very much. My sincere condolences to all of her precious family.

*Emma Sharpe Burgess  
Wynne, AR*

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**Emma Sharpe Burgess** - May 28, 2022 at 01:45 PM

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“ We met Miss Elsie when my husband was her deacon from Concord Baptist Church. We had the privilege of visiting her in her home several times. She was a lovely, gracious lady even as her health began to fail. We feel honored to have known her, even for a short while. We rejoice that she is now in her perfect heavenly home. Our sincere condolences to her family.

*Dale & Debbie Schmidt  
Jefferson City, MO*

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**debbie schmidt** - May 27, 2022 at 08:59 AM