



Bernice Van Vranken

July 22, 2009

Mrs. Bernice Ash Van Vranken, age 85, of Forrest City, died Wednesday, at the Crestpark Retirement Inn in Forrest City. She had been in poor health for the past six months.

Mrs. Van Vranken was born May 6, 1924, in Forrest City, and was the daughter of Abraham Ash and Thelma Ritz Ash. She attended school in Forrest City and had attended the Font Bonne College in St. Louis, Missouri. She had been a bookkeeper for thirty-seven years and was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Mrs. Van Vranken married Robert Van Vranken in 1946, and he preceded her in death in 2004. She is survived by one daughter, Pam Nolan of Arlington, Texas, two sons; Thomas Van Vranken of Midland, Texas, and Mike Van Vranken of Shreveport, Louisiana, one sister, Lorraine King of Ft. Worth, Texas, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Services for Mrs. Van Vranken will be held at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 10:00 A.M.,

Friday, with burial in Forrest Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Stevens Funeral Home, 5:00 till 7:00 P.M., Thursday, with a Rosary at 7:00. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials are

to be made to the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Bernice Van Vranken Memorial Building Fund, P.O. Box 786, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72336 or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1942. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the on line registry.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Emily,

I just read the newspaper so I am too late to come & see you. I am so sorry. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your parents. I miss your smiling face but I know you are happy in your new home.

Love, Jeanne

Good news! Shay has moved and a young family expecting their 1st baby moved in last week!!

July 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Family,

We have never met Bernice formally. We got to know her through her Granddaughter Valerie. Through the stories, we feel we know that she had a great love and devotion to her family and church. It was through her love that she accepted Gods gift of children. Her children will now carry on her beautiful legacy.

Know that our thoughts and prayers through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be with all of you at this time of sorrow.

*The Wiggins Family
Edmond, Oklahoma*

July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam, Thomas & Mike,
Susan and I are so sorry about the loss of your mother. She was
such a wonderful lady and she will be greatly missed.

July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ A fine southern lady just arrived at heaven's door, much to the
delight of many already there.
Our tears at Ber's departure roll down our cheeks and rise as silent
prayers for one we love so well. The fragrance of her life has
blessed us all and may all that she taught us console you in the
days ahead and comfort you in the loss of your sister, mother,
grandmother, aunt, and great grandmother/aunt. God bless you as
you adjust to life without our dear Bernice.

July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM