



## Emily Billingsley

April 21, 1932 - February 6, 2010

Mrs. Emily Jones Billingsley, age 77, of Palestine, died Saturday at the Crestpark Retirement Inn in Forrest City. She had been in poor health for the past several years.

Mrs. Billingsley was born April 21, 1932, in St. Francis County, and was the daughter of Henry Carrell Jones and Nora Virginia Kyzer Jones. She lived in St. Francis County all of her life, was retired from the Palestine School District, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Palestine.

Mrs. Billingsley married Hester Warren 'Toge' Billingsley and he preceded her in death in 1976. She is survived by one son, Buddy Billingsley, and wife, Annette, of Forrest City, four grandchildren; Kirk Billingsley, Vince Billingsley, Tracy Harris, and Greg Bridges, two brothers; Howard C. Jones of Sandwich, Illinois, and Pat Jones of Memphis, and five great-grandchildren. She had two daughters; Karen Bridges and Jo Swiney, one grandchild, Steven Swiney, four sisters, and one brother, who all preceded her in death.

Services for Mrs. Billingsley will be held at the First Baptist Church in Palestine, 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, with burial in Bell Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday evening 6:00 till 8:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to be made to the E.A.C.C. Foundation, 1700 Newcastle, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335, or First

Baptist Church of Palestine, 207 Wood St., Palestine, Arkansas 72372, or St. Francis County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 3002, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72336. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on line registry.

# Tribute Wall



“ Greg & Family,

*Heavens gates flew wide open for Emily to enter.  
She was a wonderful person, inside as well as outside. Always had  
a smile on her face and she gave the best hugs ever.  
Thinking of you at this time.  
God Belss.*

*Roy and Carolyn Sanders  
Dale, Debbie  
Wesley and Amber*

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February 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this  
difficult time.*

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February 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

*Due to weather, and distance we were unable to even think about  
attending the funeral even though we wanted to do so.*

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February 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family,  
Ms. Emily was a sweet lady. We enjoyed going to gospel singings  
with her. We loved to hear her play the piano and sing. She is with  
her Lord and with her love ones again. We pray that you will find  
comfort in Christ.*

*Butch & Carol Robb*

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February 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your  
family. May the peace which comes from the memories of love  
shared, Comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

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February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest condolences. I have many great memories. Heaven has  
gained an angel because she had many diamonds in her crown!  
Praying for the family.*

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February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God keep you and  
give you strength.*

*Sue, Nancy, Johnny, Speedy, Earnestine and Peggy.*

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February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Greg, Tracey, and Family, You have my heartfelt condolences about the passing of "Miss Emily". I grew up admiring her and thought she was a wonderful lady.

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February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Emily was a sweet lady. She is with our Lord and her loved ones that have gone on ahead.

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February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Emily inspired me with her positive attitude of life despite the heartaches she had gone through with losing both of her daughters, a grandchild and her husband. She always had that beautiful smile for you. I know all of you will miss her, but we know she is in a better place.

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February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM