



Marie Smith Gardner

February 1, 1924 - May 10, 2017

Marie Smith Gardner, a resident of Byhalia, Mississippi, formerly of Walls, Mississippi, and Forrest City, Arkansas, departed this life, Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at home with her son and daughter-in-law, at the age of ninety-three. She was born February 1, 1924, in Lexa, Arkansas, the daughter of Charles Smith and Julia Monroe Smith (Bonner). She married Allen Gardner on September 23, 1939.

Mrs. Gardner was a wife, mother, and homemaker. She also worked with her husband at Tri-State Powder Company, Inc. for several years. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, and fishing, and was an avid flower and vegetable gardener.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband of seventy-one years, Allen Gardner, a daughter, Barbara Terreo of Missoula, Montana, son, Tim Gardner of Walls, Mississippi, and granddaughter, Andrea.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Smith, Freddy Smith, J. C. Smith, and Ralph Smith, sisters, Helen Smith Leibert, Elizabeth Smith Roberts, and Dorothy Bonner.

Marie is survived by daughter, Ellen Bledsoe of Walls, Mississippi, son, Roger Gardner and wife Kathryn of the Byhalia home, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren, and sister, Dorothy Tweedy

of Chicago, Illinois.

Visitation will be Friday, May 12, 2017 at Stevens Funeral Home in Forrest City, Arkansas from 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11 AM at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Forrest City with burial in Loughridge Cemetery in Colt, Arkansas.

Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at www.stevensfuneralhome.net