



## Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle

September 18, 1935 - August 5, 2019

Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle passed from this earth to her heavenly home, Monday, August 5, 2019, at the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Nell was born in Pangburn, Arkansas, during 'The Great Depression', September 18, 1935. She was the daughter of Hugh Andrew Pruitt and Martha Ollie Hill Pruitt. She was very political remembering when WWII ended at the age of ten years old and wore a 'Liberty Roll, hairstyle 'like the big girls'. She was also the valedictorian of her graduating class.

Nell moved to Forrest City with her husband Orval and their baby daughter, Suzanne, in 1961, to open Farrar's Jewellery and then went on to open Vel-Rich Jewelers, Inc, in 1978. She was in the retail jewelry industry for almost fifty years before retiring in 2007.

Nell received many awards in her jewelry career including Arkansas Jeweler of the Year. She was a member of the Arkansas Jewelers Association and Jewelers of America. She served in her community as the secretary of the Forrest City Merchants Association, was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a lifelong member of The Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 198.

Nell was a founding member of The Good Hope Baptist Church where she served as pianist for over thirty years. Jewelry and singing were her passion.

She sang with many gospel and country gospel groups throughout her entire life including her own The Goodwill Quartet.

Nell is survived by her husband, Robert Doyle, two daughters; Suzanne Farrar Southard, and husband, Steve, of Jonesboro, and Angela Farrar Wade, and husband, Joe, of Memphis, two step-daughters; Robyne Doyle of Little Rock, and Amy Doyle Brown, and husband, Glenn, of Memphis, one sister, Emmie Pruitt Lowry of Providence, Arkansas, five grandchildren; Jake Wade, Savannah Watson, Laney Wade, Meredyth Bochman, and Eli Brown, and three great-grandchildren; Athen and Poppy Watson and Pierce Wade. A very special caregiver, Christy Hymon. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Orval Farrar in 1977, and three sisters; Lillie Seymore, Clara Altom and Ova Waire.

Services for Mrs. Doyle will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, Forrest City, Arkansas, 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, with burial in Bell Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, 1:00 P.M., until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family would like to give a very special thank you to the nurses and staff at the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro. Memorial are to be made to the Alzheimers' Arkansas, 10411 W. Markham, Suite 130, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Bell Cemetery

Palestine, AR 72372

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
info@stevensfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

AUG 7 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

GK

“ *Nell was a special person. I went to Good Hope with her for many years and loved her dearly. I am so sorry I missed saying good bye to her but I was not in town. My heart hurts for Robert and how lost he must feel. Robert my love goes to you and Nell I will see you and hear your wonderful voice again in heaven.* ”

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**Gay Nell Key** - August 15, 2019 at 03:41 PM

LY

“ *I loved mamma Nell with all my heart. She was a wonderful person. Ange and Suzanne many prayers going up sweet friends.* ”



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**Lynaugh's** - August 12, 2019 at 11:58 PM

MW

“ *My condolences to Robert and all of the girls. Neil always had a sweet smile and wonderful sense of humor in addition to her musical talent. Let your good memories be of comfort to you all during the coming days, weeks, and months.* ”

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**Melissa Wright** - August 11, 2019 at 01:46 PM

PC

“ Suzanne and Ange, so sorry to hear of Ms Nell passing away and sad I didn't get to attend her visitation and funeral. This lady taught me so much about the jewelry business that my jewelry career lasted 26 years. She taught me to string pearls, how to engrave and the art of jewelry display. Growing up on Robinson Street, she trusted me at a very young age to babysit the two of you. Back when we wore long dresses a lot, mom had made one for me that elastic around the entire neck so that it showed my bra straps. Ms Nell was the only lady I knew that had a strapless bra and she let me use it a few times. She called it the community bra :)  
I know you will miss her terribly. Continued prayers for you and your family.

*Pam Shannon Clay*

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**Pam Shannon Clay** - August 09, 2019 at 11:18 PM

AF

“ I met Nell at Landmark Baptist Church when I was a young child. Like so many, I was drawn to Nell. I always called Her my Godmother -- and She accepted me. I always sat with Her in church, and I visited Her every day at Her jewelry store. I looked up to Her and loved Her dearly. I probably was quite the pest, but nevertheless, She was most loving woman and never was anything but kind. Always kind. As does happen with growing up, we sprout wings and fly, some fly further than others ... and I moved away ... first to Roswell, NM ... back to Arkansas ... then up to New England, where I laid down roots. Evenstill, we always kept in touch. But eventually, the letters slowed then ceased ... and I mostly got updates from my Mum. Then ... my Mum delivered this final update. And here we are. I had a song on my heart that I was learning to play ((I'm a beginning Ukulele player)) ... one of the songs She always sang that reminded me so much of Her ((Learning To Lean)) ... and I was playing it over and over trying to learn how to play it ... in my mind's, we were sharing space, and She was responsive to the song and to me ((long term memory is much stronger, more vivid, and more likely to be reached, triggered, and/or responsive)) ... but I was singing to Her and She was responsive ... now I know why this played out. Through copious tears, a broken heart, and distressing sadness, I am no longer 'learning' to play this song. With Her Spirit with me, guiding me, a knotted throat, and flowing tears, Her hands upon my shoulders, I now have learned this song. Anytime I sing it, I shall always dedicate it to Her. To Nell. My Godmother.

*I send so much love to EVERYONE who knew and loved Her, and especially to all who were closest to Her ... Her family. If it hurts me this much, I cannot imagine the immense intensity upon them. I send Love and Kindness, two of the words that describe Nell.*

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Angie Foltz - August 07, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *Nell was my friend..More than that, really, she was someone I could talk to about anything..She was one I could call on the phone and tell her I needed her to pray..she wouldn't ask questions, just pray..I had the joy and opportunity to sing with Nell, she had a beautiful voice..I loved to sing Holy Hills with her..now she is seeing them..you beat me there, Nell. but I will be there just wait.*

Deanna Ramsey - August 06, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *Angie Foltz lit a candle in memory of Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle*



Angie Foltz - August 06, 2019 at 08:57 PM



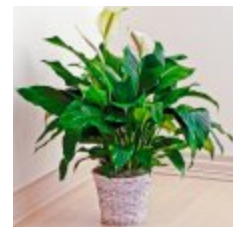
“ *Shirley Thorn lit a candle in memory of Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle*



Shirley Thorn - August 06, 2019 at 07:54 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle.*



August 06, 2019 at 06:38 PM

TR

“ *Nell was a great person sure do miss playing and singing gospel music with her but we love you nell will be looking to see you on the other side*

Terry Robertson - August 06, 2019 at 04:08 PM

WO

“ *May you all find comfort and peace in the Lord Jesus. She rests from all pain and sorrow.*

*Wyona Stewart Osgatharp*

Wyona S Osgatharp - August 06, 2019 at 04:07 PM

MY

“ *Nell was my Sunday School teacher at Landmark Baptist Church during my high school years. She also sang in a quartet then too. Suzanne and Angela were beautiful little girls. I left for college, then got married and moved away, but I have many fond memories of her.*

*Marilyn Watkins Young*

Marilyn Watkins Young - August 06, 2019 at 01:39 PM

BR

“ *Prayers for all 4 girls and their families along with her husband Bob. Nell was my Bible class teacher, my children church director, my friend in my early years. I am sorry that we have to loose our good people but I know there are others who knew and loved Nell in heaven who have been happy to welcome into heaven!*

*Brenda Kidd Cooper Sage*

Brenda - August 06, 2019 at 01:17 PM



DM

“ Mr. Robert, Sazanne, Ange, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mrs. Nell. I remember when she and Mr. Farrar had Farrar's jewelry. I still have 2 rings my daddy bought me there and Gerry bought the first piece of jewelry, a jade necklace for the first birthday we were dating in 1976 from there. Then when she opened Vel-Rich daddy bought my mom and me several pieces of jewelry. Gerry bought most of my birthday and Christmas gifts there including my second wedding ring with eternity bands I still have them all in addition to what I bought for myself. I remember coming in with my daddy to pick out pieces for my mom. She was a very sweet lady and she treated everyone special that she crossed paths with. She left footprints on many hearts. I pray for comfort and piece for all the family and many friends that knew her.

Donna DeVazier Morgan - August 06, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ nell u was a very nice and pretty woman. I loved living by yallin forrest city.i love your jewery store. Robert you have my condolences.and the girls too. lord took a good loving mother and friend.

Evonne Johnson - August 06, 2019 at 10:05 AM

MM

“ Mary Michaelis lit a candle in memory of Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle



Mary Michaelis - August 06, 2019 at 10:00 AM

EJ

“ *Evonne Sorrels Johnson lit a candle in memory of Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle*



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**evonne sorrels johnson** - August 06, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *Marie Turner lit a candle in memory of Nell Pruitt Farrar Doyle*



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**Marie Turner** - August 06, 2019 at 08:52 AM

JB

“ *Suzanne Farrar Southard, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. love you Jane Johnson (Farrow) Brewer*

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**Jane Brewer** - August 05, 2019 at 10:28 PM

PG

“ *Nell is a part of my childhood memories since she and my older sister ran around some together. She was a pleasant, always smiling lady. May God give comfort to all her family who I know loved her dearly. Phyllis Goodin*

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**Phyllis Goodin** - August 05, 2019 at 10:21 PM

MH

“ Mrs. Nell taught me so much in Sunday School & encouraged me to always follow Jesus. She always had a smile on her face just like in this picture, always joyful. I will always remember her & how she made me feel, accepted & loved. Praying for you all.

Love & prayers,  
Steve & Mary Lynn Hill

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**Mary Lynn Hill** - August 05, 2019 at 10:20 PM

LB

“ I am very sorry to hear about your mother, she was such a sweet lady with a beautiful smile. And a wonderful person, she reared 2 wonderful daughters that I know she was proud of. Sympathy and prayers for the family. Linda Bokker

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**Linda Bokker** - August 05, 2019 at 08:38 PM