



Verna Caroline Lewis Hawley

December 5, 1923 - December 15, 2018

Verna Caroline Lewis Hawley was born on December 5, 1923 near St. Clair, MO to Plez and Lillie Redhage Lewis, the youngest of three children. She died December 15, 2018 at Excelsior Springs, MO having just celebrated her 95th birthday. Verna graduated St. Clair High School in 1941 and worked at the International Shoe Company before marrying Dean Walter Hawley also from St. Clair. They were married on May 24, 1946 in Columbia, SC where Dean was serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Jackson.

After serving in the Army, Dean became a bivocational Baptist minister. Their ministry took them to many states starting in 1954 and back to Missouri in 1963. They served several churches in Missouri until the early 1990s. Their final residency was in Salem, MO where Verna lived until 2015. She was a member of Second Baptist Church during her last years in Salem. Her last three years were with her daughter in Kearney, MO where she was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Besides being a minister, Dean was a carpenter throughout his life and successful homebuilder in Rolla, MO in the late 60s through early 80s. Verna served along side Dean taking care of the details of the office.

Six children blessed this marriage: Patricia Ann Raines (David), Carroll Dean Hawley (Rena), Rebecca Louis Newman (Ron), Michael Mark Hawley (Maryjane), Christina Kay, and Angela Ruth Gray. They enjoyed nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Verna was a loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister, husband Dean in 2014, baby daughter Christina in 1954, daughter Rebecca in 2006, son Carroll in 2013, and granddaughter Jennifer Raines in 2011. Verna missed them all and looked forward to their reunion in heaven.

Visitation for Verna will be Tuesday, December 18, at 10 a.m. at James and Gahr Mortuary in Salem, MO. The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. with burial at Bethel Baptist Cemetery in Lonedell, MO at 2 p.m. at

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of Verna's favorite charities, Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
103 West Center
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-3117
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

Service

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Burial

DEC 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Cemetery
Lonedell, MO 63060

Tribute Wall



“ *Verna Caroline Lewis Hawley*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Verna Caroline Lewis Hawley*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I loved being in Mrs. Hawley's company. A beautiful spirit, kind and gentle. I thought of her often after she moved from Salem a few years ago. Now I know where she is. Heaven's gain.*

Bert Porter - December 18, 2018 at 12:14 PM