



## Nova Lee Looper

February 5, 1936 - May 20, 2014

Nova Lee Looper, 78, of Hot Springs was called home to be with her heavenly father on Tuesday May 20, 2014. She was born February 5, 1936 in Hot Springs to the late Veda Henderson Smith and Fred Smith.

She was a homemaker and loving Mother who devoted her life to caring for her family and others. Her greatest joy was spending time in her kitchen. Her love for cooking will continue on for many generations through her published cookbook of her favor recipes. She was predeceased by her parents and one special uncle, Thomas Henderson.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth Larry (Patsy) Looper of Bonnerdale; two daughters, Diana Topham of Dallas and Teresa (Mike) Champion of Hot Springs; seven grandchildren, Curtis Ward, Melissa White, Bradley Hughes, Mike Nevens, Tiffany Parker, Brock McClard and Kyle McClard; nine great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Friday at Hot Springs Funeral Home. Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Hot Springs Funeral Home with Brother Richard McWilliams officiating. Burial will follow at Oma Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Bradley Hughes, Mike Nevens, Brock McClard, Kyle McClard, Benji White and Curtis Ward. Honorary pallbearers are Kenneth Looper, Dr.

Kevin Hale, Dr. Adriane Martin, Dr. Timothy Webb and all the staff of Arkansas Hospice.

Memorials may be made to Arkansas Hospice – 628 Malvern Avenue – Hot Springs, AR 71901

# Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Patsy, I was so sorry for the loss of Larry's mother. She sounded like such a dear, sweet lady. May God comfort all her family.*

*Gina Dix*

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**Gina Dix** - May 27, 2014 at 02:03 PM

EH

“ *I never met your loved one in person, but she touched my life in a special way. In the summer of 1991, I was battling breast cancer and, at a young age, I was terrified of leaving this earth before my children were grown. I don't know how she got my name, but on a day dark following my mastectomy and amidst chemotherapy, Nova Lee called and lifted me up. She assured me that there was life after the Big C and gave me helpful advice as to how I could manage day-to-day issues and plod through the awful side effects of treatment. She said that God and I could win my battle and that she had written a cook book during her own confrontation with the disease. She followed that phone call with an autographed copy of "Nova's Recipe Collection." In the more than twenty years since I first "met" her, I have treasured the cookbook, her poetry and the scriptures, as I will always treasure my memory of her.*

*In deepest sympathy,  
Elaine Hall*

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**Elaine Hall** - May 26, 2014 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ Nova Lee was a second Mom to many of us girls who were friends of Diana and Teresa's. I have so many wonderful memories of good times and good food when staying in their home. ? Plus she was an awesome "team" Mom - we had lots of great times going to basketball games and tournaments. She always made sure that our uniforms were clean and that we had snacks. Nova Lee had a big heart and lots of love – she will be greatly missed. To the Larry, Diana, Teresa, grandkids and great-grandkids – know that I love you all and am keeping you in my prayers for comfort and peace at this time and in the days ahead.

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**Debbie (Hughes) Martin** - May 23, 2014 at 11:15 AM

LG

“ The love and sympathy of the congregation of Piney Grove United Methodist Church be with Nova's family. She was a cherished sister in Christ.

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**Linda Godwin** - May 23, 2014 at 08:28 AM

KW

“ So sorry on the loss of Ms. Nova. Spent many hours in her home as a child. Prayers are with the family in this time of need. God Bless you.

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**Kathleen Wright** - May 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM