



## Rachel Ault Benson

September 5, 1926 - May 20, 2014

Rachel Ault Benson was born September 5, 1926, in Lonsdale, Arkansas, to Georgia Garner Rigsby and Robert Fornia Rigsby, Sr., and she passed to her heavenly home on May 20, 2014, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On August 8, 1943, she married husband of fifty-two years, Jake Ault and began their family legacy. Rachel worked alongside her husband to raise ten children, farm, make sorghum molasses, and bale hay all around Garland County. In addition to working in their home and raising their children, she was a help-mate to her husband in all his endeavors. Her husband and children were her life. They spent many hours going to basketball games, trailrides, and gospel singings. Her love for her family was second only to her love for her Lord Jesus Christ. She served her Savior faithfully as a member of Cedar Glades Baptist Church as well as everywhere she went. This included always having room for one more at the supper table.

Speaking of her children, Rachel stated "I think I was meant to have ten kids, and I think they all think I was. It was wonderful to have them." After her children were grown, she returned to school and became an LPN. She worked for many years as a dermatology nurse before retiring. Along with her paying job, Ma also spent many hours rocking, loving, nurturing, and singing to her beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Homemade biscuits and peach cobbler were her specialties and were always

a reason to run home to Ma's and Pa's.

You always knew, whether you wanted to or not, what she was thinking. She offered free advice for most situations. Her authoritative personality and her Lord's blessings were responsible for her surviving breast cancer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Jake Ault and second husband Mervin Benson, infant son Winford Eli Ault, two daughters Cheryl Bondurant and Melanie Carson, two sons-in-law Wayne Bondurant and Jimmy Huff, grandson Shannon Hamilton, one brother Robert Fornia Rigsby, Jr. and two sisters Margie Lowery and Jackie Crabtree.

Survivors include sons Dennis (Robin) Ault and Mark (Dee) Ault; daughters Sylvia (Hank) Carpenter, Marsha (Sidney) Pittman, Nina Huff, Debby (Junior) Ammons, Rebecca (Dwight) Weaver, and Michele (Dennis) Mitchell, son-in-law Kevin Carson, one step-daughter Debbie Meredith, eleven grandsons, thirteen granddaughters, forty great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graveside services are 10:00 AM, Friday, May 23, 2014, at Newkirk Cemetery in Jessieville, with Brother James Preuett officiating. Pallbearers are her grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers are Lynn Lambert, Lake Hamilton Health and Rehab, Dr. John Featherston, Dr. Martin Koehn, Dr. William Irwin, Levi Towers residents, and members of Cedar Glades Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Rachel,

*You and Jake were the true meaning of family and values. I learned so much about farm life while visiting during the summer. Thank you for teaching this city slicker how to churn butter and gather vegetables from your farm. Jake tried to teach me how to milk a cow, but I only got one squirt and it hit the ground. We all laughed at me.*

*I was so grateful to visit you again in 2007. You were doing so well at Hi Towers, playing bingo, making your wonderful pies. I was so impressed that you were able to drive yourself to the farmer's market.*

*I called numerous times. You didn't have an answering machine. Always the busy lady that you were. I regret I didn't get to see you again in 2010 when I came to see Curtis and LaQuita.*

*I know that you know you hold a special place in my heart. I wish I could have seen you again before you left us. Just know you are a very special Lady to me and to all that have met you.*

*I love you, dear sweet, Rachel.*

*May you rest in peace with the rest of our family.*

*Amen!*

*Andrea Ault Clark*

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**Andrea Clark** - June 03, 2014 at 10:59 PM

GL

“ Aunt Rachel always had a big smile and a big hug to greet everyone. I know she's smiling now with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Prayers and love to all the family.  
Gayle & Michael Lettenmaier

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**Gayle Lettenmaier** - May 25, 2014 at 09:24 PM

EW

“ Great Aunt Rachel always had a hug, smile, laugh and love to share. Much love and support to her sweet loved ones at this time of her passing. Wish I could find a picture of her laughing at that silly toy monkey that gave us all the giggles watching it roll across the floor. I think she was about 85 or so, and she told me she bought that just because it made her laugh so hard. Wise woman.

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**Ellen Wardlaw** - May 23, 2014 at 10:08 PM

JG

“ Nina, I was so sorry to read about the loss of your Mom in today's paper. She sounds like a wonderful person. I was fortune enough to know her daughters and Lynn. Please express my condolence to your family. Jo Jackson Griffith

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**Jo Griffith** - May 23, 2014 at 09:17 AM

DL

“ Dear Ault Family,  
I loved visiting with your mother at the Rigsby Family Reunions. She made the best peach cobbles. I am so sorry and will miss talking with her. Your talking about her always telling what she thought about things reminded me of my mother Wanda Rigsby Harris. This must be a Rigsby Family trait. I am sorry I can't be there tomorrow. Thinking of all of you. Debbie Harris Lott

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**Debbie Harris Lott** - May 22, 2014 at 10:52 PM

EI

“ *When I lived at Levi Towers, Rachel was a good friend and neighbor. She was a good Christian lady and you were aware of that after talking to her a few minutes. We would see each other at the beauty shop frequently, and I loved talking with her. She will be missed and remembered always.*

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**Edi Irwin-Edwards** - May 22, 2014 at 10:49 PM

CA

“ *Claire Ault lit a candle in memory of Rachel Ault Benson*



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**Claire Ault** - May 22, 2014 at 09:24 PM

RL

“ *Rachel was a full of joy all the time. Was like a second MOM to us. God added another flower to his bouquet. We are praying for you..*

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**Ricky & Phyllis LeCompt** - May 22, 2014 at 09:20 PM

SW

“ *Aunt Rachel was truly a treasure to me and my family. She was such a support to Brenda and me when we lost mama. Always a smile, always living her faith, she was always concerned about our trials and enjoyed hearing about our family. We will truly miss her until we can all be together again.*  
*Love to all my cousins,*  
*Sallye and Bill*

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**Sallye Wardlaw** - May 22, 2014 at 09:00 PM

WP

“ *Wanda Huff Priddy lit a candle in memory of Rachel Ault Benson*



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**Wanda Huff Priddy** - May 22, 2014 at 03:54 PM

TS

“ *Rachel was definitely an icon that will be missed. We will miss worshipping with her at Cedar Glades but will rejoice with her in heaven some day.*



*We love all the family.*

*Ronnie & Tami Sheffield*

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**Tami Sheffield** - May 22, 2014 at 03:45 PM

RH

“ *Robert And Cheri Huff lit a candle in memory of Rachel Ault Benson*



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**Robert And Cheri Huff** - May 22, 2014 at 03:01 PM

RH

*Robert and I wish to send our prayers to all the family. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time. Love You All.*

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**Robert And Cheri Huff** - May 22, 2014 at 03:04 PM

LS

“ *Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Rachel Ault Benson*



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**Linda Smith** - May 22, 2014 at 02:43 PM

LS

*I chose a red candle because she wore red so beautifully! Love you Ms. Rachel, see you in Heaven one day!*

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**Linda Smith** - May 22, 2014 at 02:46 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wallace lit a candle in memory of Rachel Ault Benson*



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**Debbie Wallace** - May 22, 2014 at 01:49 PM