



## Annie Lou Benson

March 17, 1930 - October 17, 2019

Annie Lou Adams Benson, 89, passed away peacefully in Helena on October 17, 2019. She was a beloved wife, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many in the Arkansas area. She was born on March 17, 1930 in Hampton where she graduated from high school in 1948. She soon married Arvil T Benson and they made their home there until 1960 when they moved to Helena, AR. Both were active in their community including decades of organizing Boys and Girls State of Arkansas and served as officers in the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary. Annie Lou, being a cancer survivor, was also a big supporter of Relay for Life. She was a lifelong active member of the Methodist church, first in the Faustina Methodist and then the Helena United Methodist Church.

Annie Lou was energetic, compassionate and willing to help anyone and any animal in need. She was loved by the neighborhood kids who still came to visit her years after they had moved from Helena, including Todd Slaughter and David Abrams. She also supported several young people in the community going to college. She did all these things while working as an administrative assistant for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services where she retired in 1995.

She is survived by two daughters, Theresa and Dan Gentry of Oklahoma City and Deborah Benson and Bob Heberly of Burbank, CA. A grandson, Clark Deal of Oklahoma City, a dear brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Gaye Adams, and sister Emma Jean Martin of Rosston. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. She is predeceased by her husband and parents.

Graveside services will be 10:00 am Monday at Dunn Cemetery. Arrangements are by Benton Funeral Home of Hampton/Fordyce. To sign the online register visit [www.bentonfuneralhome.net](http://www.bentonfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery

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## Dunn Cemetery

Hampton, AR,

# Events

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**OCT** **Graveside** 10:00AM

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Dunn Cemetery

Hampton, AR, US

# Comments

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“ She was a part of our family as long as I can remember. So many meals shared. She's been a great friend to my Mom over the years. She will be missed.

**Iris Lowder** - October 19, 2019 at 01:19 PM

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“ She was the nicest, sweetest caring lady that I've ever known. She keep all of us kids going the right way. We all use to set in my parents ( Lamar and Mary Ann ) yard and tried to solve all our problems. She made the best caramel apples in the world. Us kids looked forward to Halloween every year. All of her kids that adored her deeply. Jeff Brunt, Dona ,Anita and Jimmy Maples, Todd, Scott and Brian Slaughter , David and Susan Abrams. We all know that she's with Arvil and our Lord is rejoicing for his addition to his kingdom. Our prayers are going out for y'all. Jimmy and Jeanene Maples

**Jimmy Maples** - October 18, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ She dearly loved all you kids & your parents!

**theresa gentry** - October 20, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ Annie was a dear friend to my mother, Kathy Hughes. My mother considered her a sister. Annie was a kind and caring person and I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone.

She also gave me some sound advice! I just found out recently that she had passed away and I am so sad! Such a wonderful person that is now one of God's Angels!!!

**Nicky Savage** - October 28, 2019 at 08:59 PM

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“ She was the best grandmother that anyone could ask for. I love you, Mama'B.



**Clark Deal** - October 18, 2019 at 05:55 PM