



Zula Mae Bryant Ramsey

September 20, 1924 - April 14, 2015

Zula Mae Bryant Ramsey, born September 20, 1924 in Cosby, TN, passed away peacefully at her home in White Pine on April 14, 2015. She was preceded in death by her father, James Roscoe Bryant; mother, Etta Mae Spurgeon Bryant; husband, Glen "Mooney" Ramsey; brothers, Oliver Bryant, Hal Bryant and sister, Carolyn Bryant Waddell. Zula is survived by her daughter, Gwen Ramsey Costner, son-in-law, Steve Costner; son Brian Ramsey, daughter-in-law, Jackie Ramsey; grandson, Curtis French and his wife Kristen. She also has special nieces, Regina Jozefek and Janice Kelley. Special thanks to her devoted caregivers, Sandy Gorrell, Amber Rowe, Vera Norton, Victoria Morgan, Smoky Mountain Home Health and special friends Kathy Kutchenburg, Anita Hamrick and Diane Raines. Zula worked for the United States Government War Department on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge and resided there from 1939-1944. She returned to Cocke County and married Glen "Mooney" Ramsey in 1948. During the years of depressed economy following the war she was one of few women brave enough to run moonshine. She made the weekly run from the mountains of Cosby to Knoxville, TN with her husband Mooney on many occasions. Their epic adventures were featured in Alex Gabbard's book Return to Thunder Road. Zula traveled the world with her daughter Gwen, not only for pleasure but also buying unique items for her daughters store Trinkets and Treasures. She loved to read and watch the birds that she fed daily at her home. She loved all animals especially her cat BamBam. Zula was a devoted mother and an

exceptional mother-in-law. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 am Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 2642 East Highway 25-70, Dandridge, TN 37725. In lieu of flowers please make donations in her memory to Sarge's Animal Rescue Foundation 256 Industrial Park Drive, Waynesville, NC, 28786, Cocke County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 42, Newport, TN 37821 or Wilsonville Baptist Church, 120 New Cave Church Road, Newport, TN 37821.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home is in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Zula Mae Bryant Ramsey*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Brian and Jackie, I am very sorry for your loss. You were Blessed with a uniquely wonderful mother. I will continue to keep you in my prayers. Susan Porter*

Susan Porter - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gwen & Steve: So sorry for the loss of Ms. Zula. I apologize for not contacting you earlier but have been out of touch due to the loss of my Daddy. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Love Jan*

Jan Brooks Sneed - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gwen and Steve, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Phyllis*

Phyllis Baxley-Perkey - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I am glad to have very fond memories of Zula. In my prayers.*

Pat & Patricia Mathis Taylor - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Zula Mae Bryant Ramsey*

Ray Fancher - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Zula Mae Bryant Ramsey*

James Williford - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Zula Mae Bryant Ramsey*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

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Sarah Hartsell - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM