

Ola Bell Ousley

Feb. 28, 1913 – Oct. 24, 2005

Ola Bell Ousley, 92, a Kokomo resident for 60 years, died 11:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital. Born Feb. 28, 1913, in Sharps Chapel, Tenn., she was a daughter of Washburn and Ollie Matilda (Miller) Russell. On Dec. 24, 1932, in Sharps Chapel, Tenn., she married Winslow T. "Bill" Ousley and he died April 27, 1991.

"Granny" loved children. Whether they were her own children, her grandchildren, or her great-grandchildren, they were all loved and cared for by her. She was a stay-at-home mom and grandmother taking care of children for most of her life. She provided for her family with her tremendous gardens, canning, sewing and cooking.

One of the unusual things she did was to raise calves. Many times she would take the backseat out of her car and load those calves right behind the driver seat. She was always resourceful and would do whatever she could to help those in need.

When she wasn't busy, she could be found on the phone talking to her sisters. What a wonderful and close relationship they had and she missed them terribly.

She was a member of Kokomo Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Each person who knew her had a special story to tell, more than could ever be put in print. We will all miss "Granny," and we look forward to seeing her again when Jesus returns to take us all to heaven.

She is survived by a daughter, Donna and husband Harold Wamsher, Monticello; two sons, Joe R. and wife Linda Ousley, and John and wife Susie Ousley, all of Kokomo; a sister-in-law, Lois Ousley, Kokomo; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Paris Ousley; four sisters, Vina McBee, Sallie Russell, Jessie Seals and Anna Mae Eaton; and two brothers, Frank Russell and John Russell.

Services are 1 p.m. Friday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., with Elder Blake Hall officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until time of services Friday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Adventist Development Relief Agency, which helps people worldwide meet their basic needs and provides assistance in times of natural disasters and war. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary.

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