



Bessie Seals Ard

September 30, 1926 - May 20, 2016

BESSIE REE SEALS ARD, AGE 89

And a resident of the Hilltop Community passed from this life to her eternal home on Friday May 20, 2016 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital surrounded by her family. Bessie was born on September 30, 1926 and was a charter member of Forest Haven Missionary Baptist Church in Stateline. She worked for many years in sales at the former Morgan and Lindsey's and Gibson's stores in Bogalusa and later as a lunchroom worker at Pine School before retiring as a lunchroom supervisor at the Angie Junior High School. Bessie enjoyed gardening, cooking and caring for her beautiful flower beds. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who cherished spending time with her family and fellowshiping with her church family.

Survived by:

Husband of 71 years: T.W. Ard of the Hilltop Community

2 Daughters and Sons in law: Evelyn Ard Blair and Sam Blair,
Brenda Ard Simon and Nolan Simon all of the Hilltop Community

2 Sons and Daughters in law: Troy Wayne and Michelle Ard of Angie,
Darrell Lynn and Wendy Ard of the Hilltop Community

14 Grandchildren and Spouses: Tyrone and Caron Blair,
Vickie Blair Dillon,
Michael and Linda Simon,
Nicole Simon Gonzales and L.J. Gonzales,
Kandace Ard McKenzie and Derrick McKenzie,
Troy Ann Ard,
Ariel Seal,
Holly Seal,
Amber Seal Taylor and T.J. Taylor,
Sonya Ard,
Emily Ard,
MaryOnna Ard,
Harrison Freeman,
Preston Freeman

20 Great-grandchildren

9 Great-great-grandchildren

Sister: Evie Seals Ard of Angie

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Fletcher Eugene Seals and Cynthia Williams Seals, two sisters Athalee Seals Tynes and Ruby Jane Seals Forbes, two brothers Leonard Seals and Clifford Seals.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Sunday May 22nd from 5 pm until 9 pm. Visitation will continue Monday at Forest Haven Missionary Baptist Church from 10 am until the funeral service at 2 pm with Eld. Richard Magee,

Eld. Clyde Cooper, Eld. Glynn Erwin and Eld. Yancy Magee officiating. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery.

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to the staffs of St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Hospice of St. Tammany and to their many friends and church family for their loving and caring support.

Pallbearers: Bruce Ard, Charles Ray Ard, Keith Ard, Matthew Ard, Shermitt Ellis, Lavon Forbes, Horace Seals, Don Wheat

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home, Inc.
1109 Bene Street
P.O. Drawer H
Franklinton, LA 70438
(985) 839-5676
crainfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.crainfh.com/>

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Forest Haven Baptist Church
31153 Conrad Seals Rd
Franklinton, LA 70438
(985) 848-5256

Service

MAY 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Brenda Simon - June 07, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Ms. Bessie. Ms Bessie participated for several years in a program I work with. Such a very sweet lady. My thoughts & prayers for the family.*



Anna McElveen - June 05, 2016 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Loved this dear sweet lady !!!! Have many fond memories of her and Mr. T.W. !! Always such and kind spirit and willing to help anyone !!!! Will always cherish the memories I have of being with them both at Forest Haven Church and the memories when I was oh so young and would visit their home !!*

Renee Ladner - May 22, 2016 at 10:51 PM



“ *Adoring Heart was purchased for the family of Bessie Seals Ard.*



May 22, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bessie Seals Ard.* ”



May 22, 2016 at 11:35 AM