



## Gladys Smith Bickham Valliant

June 8, 1927 - April 7, 2020

GLADYS SMITH BICKHAM VALLIANT, AGE 92

And a resident of the Bogue Chitto Community near Mount Hermon, LA died Tuesday night April 7, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center. She was a longtime active member of Bogue Chitto Baptist Church and had retired from National Food Store as a head cashier with over 30 years of service. Gladys enjoyed flower gardening, cooking and canning vegetables. She loved to play Rook to pass the time.

Survived by:

Son and Daughter in law: Herbert and Martha Bickham of Pride, LA

2 Daughters: Carolyn B. Farmer of Mobile, AL,  
Helen Bickham of St. Amant

3 Grandsons and a Spouse: Dwain and Lana Bickham,  
Blair Farmer,  
Cliff Farmer

4 Great-grandchildren: Lindsey Bickham,  
Trinity Farmer,

Kimble Farmer,  
Christopher Farmer

3 Step-children and Spouses: Woody and Carol Valliant,  
Perry and Madeline Valliant,  
Nedra and Bobby Baker

Also numerous nieces, nephews and other family members

She was preceded in death by her husband John Valliant, father of her children Wayne Bickham, son Thomas Bickham, parents Chance C. Smith Celia Bickham Smith, and each of her siblings as she was the last of a family of 16, 3 sisters Mary Perry Ratcliff, Laurie Lester, Joyce Smith Bickham, 9 brothers C.B., Oliver, Elmo, Seth, Tom, C.C., Jay, Charles, Hubert and three infant brothers.

A graveside funeral service will be held in the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church Cemetery at 11:00 am Friday April 10th with Rev. Calvin Crowe officiating.

Due to the circumstances impacting our community, a public memorial service for her friends and family will take place in her church at a more appropriate time in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the Bogue Chitto Cemetery Fund (40129 Hwy. 438, Mt. Hermon, LA 70450) or the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Fund (25393 Mt. Pisgah Road, Mt. Hermon, LA 70450)

Pallbearers: Law Ponder, Malcolm Smith, Dewitt Perry, Barry Smith, David Burch, Sherman Burch

Honorary Pallbearers are Earl Forrest and the Deacons of Bogue Chitto Baptist Church

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)



# Tribute Wall

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“ I have very fond memories of visiting Gladys and my granddaddy, swimming in the creek with cousins and enjoying Gladys' wonderful cooking. She was truly a sweet lady.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time, may God grant you peace and comfort.  
Love, Jacob Baker and family

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**Jacob Baker** - April 12, 2020 at 10:32 AM

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“ Praying for family at this difficult time so sorry we can't be there Gladys was a wonderful stepmother to me and my family we shared a lot of fun times and she was the best cook ever she was a wonderful care giver to my father which we were all grateful she's loved dearly but will always hold a special place in my heart love Nedra Baker and family

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**Nedra Baker and family** - April 09, 2020 at 01:05 PM

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“ Ms Gladys was a sweet, Christain lady. Before my sister, Barbara Wall, passed in 2016 Ms Gladys would frequently invite her over for Sunday dinner and send the leftovers home with her. When my sister passed, Ms Gladys, in spite of her advanced age, made us a delicious coconut cream pie and brought it to us in the rain! She was a great example of a Christian woman living out her faith. She always had a pleasant word and a smile. She will be missed. Please accept my deepest sympathy.  
Teresa Dixon

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**Teresa Dixon** - April 08, 2020 at 04:56 PM