



Jessie B. Penton

July 30, 2016

JESSIE BAHAM PENTON, AGE 96

Died early Saturday morning July 30, 2016 at Riverside Medical Center. She was a lifelong resident of Washington Parish, she was born in Mt. Hermon and graduated from Mt. Hermon High School in 1941. Jessie lived and worked in Bogalusa and Franklinton during her youth and later worked in retail sales at the Bogalusa Stores Commissary and the American Department Store. While in Franklinton, she was employed at the Red & White Grocery, Simmon's Department Store and Babington's.

Jessie was an excellent seamstress and shared her talents with her family, teaching her nieces and great-nieces to sew. She loved craft projects, but her foremost passion was genealogy. Until recent years, she remembered the birthdays of every family member and sent greeting cards, including her great-great-nieces and nephews.

She married Frederick B. Penton when she was 40 and her husband and extended family enjoyed many years of her "down home" cooking. Jessie was well known for her chicken and dumplings, fried chicken, seven-layer orange or lemon-glazed cake and homemade ice cream.

Survived by:

Nieces: Ruth Bateman Crowe, Virginia "Ginger" Corkern, Donna Bateman Kilbourne

Nephew: Phil Bateman

Also many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Fred B. Penton, her parents Phillip A. Baham and Fannie Bankston Baham, sisters Viola B. Moody, Lillian B. Bateman, an infant sister Bertha Baham , brother James A. Baham and a beloved niece Rosamond Bateman Nicolosi.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home in Franklinton Monday August 1st from 9 am until 11 am. A funeral service will be held at 11 am Monday in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow in the Bankston Cemetery near Mt. Hermon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be sent to St. Jude's Children Hospital (www.stjude.org) 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Tribute Wall

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“ *For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor governments nor things now here nor things to come nor powers nor height nor depth nor any other creation will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38,39)*

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