



Onnie Belle Sellers

November 23, 1932 - August 17, 2017

Onnie Belle Sellers, 84, of Sevierville, Tennessee went to be with the Lord on Thursday August 17, 2017 at 11:10 a.m. after a brief illness at LeConte Medical Center. She was born to Daniel Franklin and Mary Marguerite (Phillips) Knight on Wednesday November 23, 1932 at their home in Georgetown, Mississippi. Onnie married her husband the late Douglas J. Sellers on April 9, 1954, and they had their one and only daughter Judy Sellers Bryant on March 27, 1959.

While married, Doug and Onnie were restaurant entrepreneurs. Doug's love for the restaurant business began in Natchez, Mississippi where he co-owned a local café, and this café is where Doug and Onnie's love started to bloom. Doug and Onnie were married in Natchez, and a few years later they ventured to Jackson. Their first adventure in Jackson was running a local café on the railroad, and this was just a stepping-stone to what would be one of the greatest accomplishments of Doug and Onnie's life together: The one and only Doug's BBQ. Doug and Onnie built Doug's BBQ from the ground up, and people came from all over the state to eat at what was once known as "The Best Barbeque Place in Town." The couple fed and entertained costumers for many years at Doug's BBQ, but in 1968, they decided to sell the café and move to Onnie's hometown of Georgetown. A few years later, Onnie was presented with one of her hardest times in her life, and at the young age of 39, Onnie became a widow. Onnie never remarried after Doug, and her stories of him and Doug's BBQ always brought a smile to her face.

1972 was the year that Onnie and her daughter Judy had their life turned upside down. Onnie and Judy were left to lean on and support each other, and Onnie knew she had to start a career of her own. In 1976, Onnie was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff for the Copiah County Sheriff's Department. During her time there, Onnie had the privilege of serving under 4 different sheriffs. As a deputy, she always went above and beyond the call of duty, and everyone had love and respect for Mrs. Onnie Belle. Onnie's 20 years as a deputy sheriff created great stories and memories that will be cherished forever.

The last 17 years of Onnie's life were spent in Sevierville, Tennessee, and although she

missed her Mississippi family, Onnie definitely loved living in the Great Smoky Mountains. While in Tennessee, she enjoyed riding through Cade's Cove, visiting Dollywood, watching lightning bugs, and just sitting on the front porch as she took in all of God's beauty. Onnie also had a weekly lunch date with a group of her lady friends, and this is something she looked forward to every Monday. It was a blessing that Onnie was able to go out to lunch with her friends one more time three days before her unexpected passing.

Onnie's most prized possessions are the people who refer to her as Mom and Nanny: her one and only daughter Judy, son-in-law Ricky, her grandchildren Angela and Allison (Paul), and great-grandchildren Micah and Annabelle. This family dynamic was special and unique as Nanny was blessed to live under the same roof with her prized possessions for 36 years. In their home, Nanny and her family laughed, cried, worshiped, prayed, mourned, and celebrated together, and through the good, bad, and the ugly, they always had each other's back. Nanny was a woman with a heart of gold, and if you were blessed with knowing her, you knew the deep love that she had for her God, family, and friends. Onnie Belle loved to laugh and was one-of-a-kind. She will forever be an amazing daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Onnie Belle was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Douglas Sellers; brothers, Daniel (Donzie) Knight, Henry Knight, and James Thomas Knight; and several half-brothers and sisters.

She was survived by her daughter, Judy Sellers Bryant; son-in-law Clifton (Ricky) Bryant; granddaughters, Angela Bryant, Allison Trivette and husband, Paul; great-grandchildren, Micah Trivette and Annabelle Trivette; brothers, Edward (Ed) Knight and wife, Iva, and Timothy (Tim) Knight and wife, Debbie; sisters, Lula Berry, Doris Errington, and Jeanette Bryant and husband, Paul; half-sister, Alene Morea; numerous nieces and nephews; a host of loving extended family members and friends; and her daily sidekick, toy poodle, Layla.

Visitation for Onnie B. Sellers will be on Thursday, August 24th, from 5 to 8 PM at Georgetown Baptist Church in Georgetown, MS. Onnie's Celebration of Life will be held Friday, August 25th at 11 AM at Georgetown Baptist Church with the graveside service to follow in Georgetown Cemetery.

Nanny (Mom), there will not be a day that goes by in which we will not think about you and celebrate your life. We will love you forever and miss you always. Counting Down the days until we reunite in Heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:5-8