

Nellie Verneal Prater

87, a resident of Strickler, Arkansas, passed into everlasting life on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born August 24, 1934 in Thola, Arkansas, the daughter of Raymond Arty and Agnes McClure (McClung) Gammill.

Verneal graduated from Bay High School in Bay, Arkansas, in 1952 and was the salutatorian of her class. She started her career as a bookkeeper for a Bible distribution company in Wichita, Kansas. When she moved to Springdale, Arkansas in 1970, she continued her career as an accounts receivable clerk at Willis Shaw Express, retiring after 27 years.

It was at Willis Shaw Express she met the love of her life, Harley M. Prater and they were married in November 1977. Her life with Harley was adventurous and filled with joy. Together they traveled through 46 of the United States and parts of Canada on their motorcycle taking in many of the unique sites this country has to offer.

Verneal began sewing as a child and she became so adept she made many of her own as well as her children's clothes. Eventually she took up quilting and made quilts for children, grandchildren, and friends. She often volunteered to make quilts for a raffle to support the Strickler Volunteer Fire Department.

Verneal accepted Christ as a child and was an active member of her church. She also was a true matriarch who loved and fiercely defended all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Harley M. Prater.

Survivors include five children Raymond Addison and his wife Debbie, Harley Prater Jr. and his wife Yevon, Edward Addison and his wife Karen, Mike Prater and his wife Janell, and Diane (Prater) Jones and her husband Danny; eleven grandchildren Natalie (Prater) Batchelor, Steven Addison, Titus Prater, Clay Prater, Scott Addison, Cody Prater, Tanner Jones, Katherine (Addison) Rohrbach, Brian Addison, Crystal (Jones) Couch and Kayla (Addison) Rodriguez.



#### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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## *Celebrating* *THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF*



*Nellie Verneal*  
*Prater*

August 24, 1934 - February 23, 2022



## MISS ME

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no tears in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low;  
Remember the love that we once  
shared  
And miss me, but let me go!

For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go along,  
It is a part of the Master's plan,  
Just a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Just go to the friends we know;  
Bury your sorrow in doing good  
deeds  
And miss me, but let me go.



## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Nellie Verneal Prater

**DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE**  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.  
New Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**PASTOR**  
Danny O'Neal

**SINGERS**  
Ima Dean Jones - Penny Cooper  
Glenda McMurry - April O'Neal

**Prelude** **Family Memories Video**

**"Earth's Loss Is Heaven's Gain"**

**Obituary Reading, Scripture Reading, & Prayer**

**"I Want Us To All Be Together In Heaven  
Some Day"**

**Message of Life**

**"It Is Well"**

**Closing Prayer**

**Postlude**

**GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE  
CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER  
THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.**

**FINAL RESTING PLACE**  
Zinnamon Cemetery  
Strickler, Arkansas

**PALLBEARERS**  
Steve Addison - Titus Prater - Clay Prater  
Scott Addison - Cody Prater - Tanner Jones  
Brian Addison

