



Lelia Belle Akery

June 7, 1938 - January 21, 2011

Lela Belle Akery, daughter of the late James Hoyle and Mildred Marie (Null) Burnett, was born June 7, 1938 in Pulaski County, near Dixon, Missouri.

She went home to be with her Lord January 21, 2011, at Lake Regional Hospital, Osage Beach, Missouri, at the age of 72.

Lela leaves to cherish her memory, four children: Gary Carmack and Ron Akery both of Waynesville, Terri Rivers of Ft. Drum, New York and Joye Legan of Laquey; two sisters: Emma Higgins of Charleston, S. Carolina and Eula Roam of Waynesville; 16 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Lela was preceded in death by one son: Donnie Akery and her husband, Donald Wade Akery.

Lela grew up in Pulaski County where she attended the Needmore one room school house on Y Highway. Her family attended the Needmore Church. At age 14, Lela began playing the piano during services while her dad played the guitar.

On September 15, 1956, Lela was united in marriage to Donald Wade Akery in Waynesville, Missouri. They shared over 48 years of marriage together.

Don and Lela moved to Colly Hollow in 1965 and they enjoyed their farm, raising five children, a huge garden and their livestock. She worked as a nurse's assistant and central sterile technician at the Waynesville Hospital and the Richland Nursing Home. She also worked at Witmore Farms Restaurant for a while.

Lela very much enjoyed singing, playing the piano, reading and visiting with her family, especially her grand and great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Danny Graves and Rev. Billy Claiborn officiating. Lela's granddaughter, Natalie McCart, wrote a poem in memory of her grandmother and read it to the congregation. The song "Go Rest High On That Mountain" was played and Soloist Becky Lercher sang "Supper time" and "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Serving as escorts were Lela's sons and grandsons: Gary Carmack, Nathan Carmack, Ron Akery, James Carmack, Jeremiah Keppel, Colten Carmack, Jesse McCart, Dalton McCart, Colby Carmack, Chance Carmack, Noah Legan, Levi Legan, Gabriel Keppel and Xavier Robinson. Serving as honorary escorts were Mike McCart, Gary Rivers, Terry Legan, Jerry Roam, Bill Fuller and Lee Hickey.

Burial followed in the Centerpoint Cemetery near Richland, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lelia Belle Akery*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lelia Belle Akery*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the entire family of Lelia, I know it's so difficult to let them go, but she knew how much her family loved her and now she is no longer in pain or suffering. Rejoice in the knowledge that she is now with her Lord and smiling..##imported-begin##Sheila Debo##imported-end##*

January 25, 2011 at 07:30 PM



“ *Jeff Porter and Family, Lorna Porter- Spackman and family and Debby Hull send our prayers to the family of Lela Belle Akery. You are in our thoughts. Remember the good times - they will get you through this time in your lives. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Debby Hull (Porter)##imported-end##*

January 25, 2011 at 06:42 PM



“ Gary, Terri, Ron and Joye,

So sorry for your loss. Your mother was a special person.

Love,

Linda, Helen, Eugene, Nicki and Barbara##imported-begin##Linda Wyatt##imported-end##

January 25, 2011 at 12:49 PM



“ Gary##imported-begin##Linda Wyatt##imported-end##

January 25, 2011 at 12:47 PM



“ Gary and Family, I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing.. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and yours-- Sometime, remembering good times with someone, will help getting through the difficult times a bit easier... God Bless You...##imported-begin##Margaret De Vido##imported-end##

January 25, 2011 at 11:54 AM



“ Natalie,

Steve and I are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Robin Woolsey##imported-end##

January 25, 2011 at 11:38 AM



“ The family of Lelia Akery is in our thoughts and prayers. May you look to God to get you through this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Ronnie & Betty Layman##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 07:26 PM



“ May God embrace you with peace and comfort during this most difficult day and the days to follow. Fill your mind with memories of the many joyful days you shared with one another. Peace be with your family Gary. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Judy Woodward##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ Eula and Family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Lelia. She was a wonderful and caring person. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. Our loss is heavens gain. May God comfort you now and in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Nan Quick##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 03:32 PM



“ Gary, Ron, Terri & Joye
So very sorry to hear about the death of your mother, she was a wonderful person. Our loss is Heaven's gain.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##

January 24, 2011 at 09:19 AM



“ To Lela's Family, So sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and Sue Anderson##imported-begin##Bill and Sue Anderson##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 06:20 PM



“ You were a good woman and you will be missed. Thinking of the family. God bless you all.##imported-begin##J. B. King##imported-end##

January 23, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ I am very sorry for the loss of your Dear one##imported-begin##Linda Hendrix##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 08:32 PM



“ Gary; family and friends of Miss Lela" my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you during this time of your loss.##imported-begin##Mary J Suire##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ Gary & Family,

So sorry about the loss of your loved one. Know that Leila is in a better place. May God grant the strength in the days ahead and comfort you and your family.##imported-begin##Jerri Shreve (Fleschute)##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 07:29 PM



“ Gary & family

Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during your time of need.

*Nita Bowman##imported-begin##Nita (Arrington)
Bowman##imported-end##*

January 22, 2011 at 05:28 PM



“ You will be greatly missed by all. Thanks for the memories. To all the family and friends my heart goes out for you for your loss. What is our loss is heavens gain. May you sing and play that Piano for all eternity.##imported-begin##melody Peterson##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 04:33 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady. I pray for God to comfort you all at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Barbara Wall(brock)##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 03:16 PM



“ I,m so sorry for your lose you are in my prayers and thoughts this is a really hard time just look to God for the answers .##imported-begin##Brenda York (Wood)##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 12:53 PM



“ To the family of Ms Lelia Akery, so sorry to hear of your loss and pray that the Lord will comfort you during this trying time.##imported-begin##Marge Scott##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 12:51 PM