



Mrs. Frances Hogue Morris

June 29, 2013

Mrs. Frances Hogue Morris, age 100 of Austell passed away June 29, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph J. Morris and son Stuart Morris. Frances is survived by her children Jimmy Morris of Mableton, Marlene Aldridge of Austell, Nicky Morris of Cedartown and daughter-in-law Linda Morris of Madison, 10 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Monday, 11:00 AM at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church with Dr. Randal Whitten officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday from 1:00-4:00 PM at Davis- Struempf Funeral Home. www.davisstruempf.com

My Mother , Francis "Hogue" Morris.

September 25, 1912 to June 29, 2013

100 years and 9 months

My mother was born to Frank and Ella Mae Hogue September 25, 1912. The first of nine children to Papa and Mama Hogue. Papa Hogue's first wife had died and he had 6 children from that marriage, 15 children in all.

Mama married Ralph J. Morris in 1934 and they had 4 children, Jimmy 1935, Marlene 1937, Nicky 1939, and Stuart 1940.

I will attempt to tell a little biography from some of the stories she told me..

Mama, being the oldest of the nine children, learned, at an early age, how to cook, sew and take care of babies and in general, how to run a family. When we were kids she would make shirts for us and patch clothes until they were almost all patches.

Mama was a strong woman, physically, mentally, morally, and in faith. She was raised a Christian, lived a Christian life, and raised her family in a Christian manner. She was active in her church and taught a Sunday school class for years. When we were kids she always helped with vacation bible school. I don't now if you remember or not but we

used to have a lot of revival meetings and it was tradition for the church preacher and the revival preacher to eat at different homes each day. I remember Mama fixing many fried chicken dinners, and if we could not catch a chicken, Mama would take a 22 rifle and make a head shot , she sure could shoot that rifle.

A Fish story, When Mama was a little girl living on her Grandmother's farm in Paulding County, she loved to fish the creek that ran thru the farm. While fishing one day, a neighbor named Mr. Allgood, gave her a real fish hook. She was so proud of that fish hook she told the story of it up until her last years.

Another story she loved to tell was seeing her first airplane. She was inside the house and her brother Elmer was outside and heard the plane coming and shouted for everyone to come outside. It was a sight that really thrilled them, they never forgot it.

Mama's favorite story, Mama's Daddy was gone most of the time installing cotton gins for Continental Gin Co. Mama Hogue and the family were stranded back in the hills of Paulding County. Papa Hogue bought them a 1925 Model T Ford. Mama was 12 years old and learned to drive that car real quick. She said that car set them free as they could go to church in Yorkville, go to town in Rockmart, and also drive it to school. Her favorite story was when they loaded up the family and she drove to Atlanta to visit relatives. The first paved road was when they crossed the river into Fulton County.

Mama moved to Atlanta to live with friends of the family when she was 15, and fibbed about her age and got a job with W.T. Grands Music Co. as a sales clerk. She earned 10 cents an hour and she worked 10 hours a day, 6 days a week, and they didn't pay overtime. For lunch she would eat a hot dog for 5 cents and a Coke for 5 cents. She said she loved the job because everyone was so good to each other and every morning someone would play the piano and they would all sing.

Mama was a teenager before she ever heard a radio and then people would gather at someone's house or at a store that had one to listen.

Her first phone was when we got one in 1951, it was a 4 party line, sure was fun to listen to other peoples calls.

I don't know if Mama had Irish blood in her or not, but she sure loved the Irish and Irish music. I can hear her singing, "When Irish eyes are smiling" and Tura-Lura-Lural.

She thought the Irish were the happiest people on earth.

Mama lived thru two World Wars ,The Korean war ,The Viet Nam war and several others and the great depression, but was always optimistic about the future, always

had that smile and never showed any fear.

My daddy was drafted into the Army in WW 2 and sent to Europe, leaving my Mama with 4 children, to my knowledge Mama never showed any sign of fear but supported the war effort by doing volunteer work for the Red Cross and recycling everything possible. Not only my mother, but all the Mothers, sisters and wives of the men who went off to that war was just as brave and courageous as any soldier . They all pulled together to help each other and their country.

During the war it was almost impossible to buy anything, especially tires , and it seemed like every time we went off we had a flat. Mama had the tools and the know how to fix a flat. I don't mean put on a spare, I mean actually break it down and fix the tire and pump it up with a hand pump.

Mama knew a lot of songs and sayings, too numerous to mention and she loved to sing, especially while doing housework or washing dishes, like "Heavenly Sunshine" comes to mind.

I will end this by quoting my favorite of her sayings:

Ain't no need to whine
cause there's no fish on the line
Just bait your hook and keep on trying
Never give up
If you quit you lose
Never give up.

Thank you, Nicky Morris

Cemetery

Mt. Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery

561 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Mableton, GA, 30126

Events

JUN **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM
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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home
1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US,
30106

JUL **Service** 11:00AM
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Mt. Harmony Baptist Church
561 Veterans Memorial Hwy SE, Mableton, GA,
US, 30126

Comments



“ We were sorry to learn of your mother's death. To have her for all these years is a blessing. We send our love and sympathy to all her family.

Bill & Elaine Brock

Bill & Elaine Brock - June 30, 2013 at 04:33 PM



“ Bill & Elaine Brock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Hogue Morris



Bill & Elaine Brock - June 30, 2013 at 04:29 PM



“ Iris Gorman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Hogue Morris



Iris Gorman - June 30, 2013 at 01:38 PM



“ Norma Barden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances Hogue Morris



Norma Barden - June 30, 2013 at 10:59 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances Hogue Morris.



June 30, 2013 at 09:35 AM