



Elsie I. Rakes

August 18, 1928 - February 7, 2016

ADRIAN—Elsie I. Rakes, 87 of Adrian, passed away, Sunday, February 7, 2016 at Lenawee Medical Care Facility.

Born August 18, 1928, in Stuart, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late William and Minnie (Bowman) Hooker.

On October 16, 1954, Elsie married Roy “Tom” Rakes, and he preceded her in death in 2009, having been blessed with 55 years together.

Elsie worked in many capacities over the years including as a cook at Rock Inn and the Lenawee Country Club. She also worked at American Chain and Cable where she retired with 18 years of service. Her greatest joy however, was caring for her family. She was a wonderful cook and a skilled seamstress. She had a strong faith which was evident in her devotion to her children and treasured grandchildren.

Elsie is survived by her children: Bettie (Guy) Guinn of Kentucky, Roger (Tammy) Rakes and Pattie (Terry) McKenzie both of Adrian, and Teresa (Greg) Butchart of Tipton; grandchildren: Stacy, Stephanie, Keegan, Jacklyn, Danielle, Kristin, Collin and Devin; great grandchildren: Daisy, Collin, Essence, Kade and Violet; and siblings, Perry Hooker of Louisiana and Ivory Bowman of North Carolina.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Rakes; and siblings: Everette, Lester, Amos, Gilmer "Ray", and Omar Hooker.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 11, 2016, at Wagley Funeral Home, with Rev. Greg Burdine officiating. Burial will follow at Fairfield Cemetery. Visitation will take place at the funeral home Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until the service.

The family would like to thank the Castlewood staff at Lenawee Medical Care Facility for the wonderful care they provided for Elsie as well as long-time caregiver and special friend Ellie Morgan.

Online condolences and memories are welcome at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Cemetery

7011 S. Adrian Hwy
Fairfield Township, MI 49221

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie I. Rakes*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I'm sad to say I don't have no memories of her I wish I did she was my half sister I was born many years later her father married my mother I was born December 4th 1967 my name is Mary I wish I knew the family because they're part of my family even though I never knew them I wish to connect to them somehow so if any of them read this please try to keep in contact with me I'd love to have a picture of my half-sister and know more about the family.*



Mary Hooker Barbour - June 01, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - February 10, 2016 at 07:11 AM

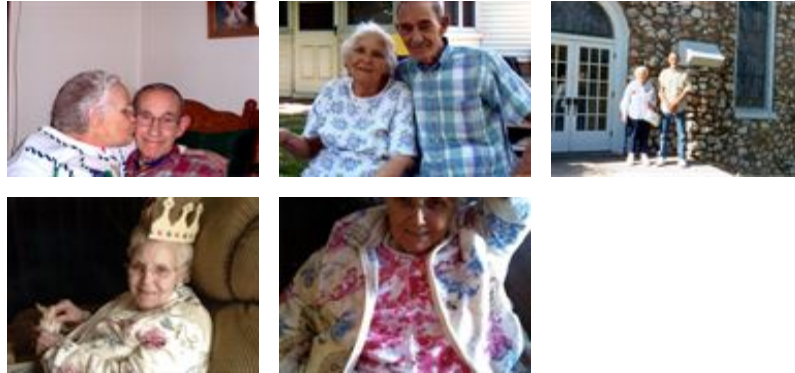


I always wonder for all this curly hair come from and I can tell it must have come from my father's side of the family

Mary Hooker Barbour - June 01, 2020 at 11:58 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagley Funeral Home - February 09, 2016 at 04:07 PM

PF

“ Phyliss R. Mabry and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Elsie I. Rakes.



Phyliss R. Mabry and family - February 09, 2016 at 11:36 AM

PM

“ Wow, so many to pick from, This is the one I think I will remember the longest, for it is one of the very last ones we shared. Teresa had brought Aunt Elsie to Shirley's, in order for me to visit with her. I had on a dragonfly pendant, and Aunt Elsie admired it. I quickly raised my top just a little to show her the matching dragonfly belly piercing. She ever quickly covered her mouth in a little shock and in her ever quiet, dignified, lady like voice said " I've never seen anything like that before." We all laughed as did she. I laugh today while telling the story, with love tears running down my cheeks. Always in my heart never to stray and go away.

Phyliss Mabry - February 09, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elsie I. Rakes.*



February 09, 2016 at 08:45 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Elsie. She always had a special place in our hearts at Daybreak Adult Day Services.*

Tammy Jewell - February 09, 2016 at 08:36 AM



Thank You Tammy. Everyone at Daybreak were wonderful to Mom. We sincerely Thank You. 💜

Teresa Butchart - February 09, 2016 at 02:41 PM



To the Rakes Family, Tom and I are very sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. We pray her beautiful smile will forever be in your heart and her memory bring you peace. Sincerely, Tom and Tonya Braman, Fairfield

Tom and Tonya Braman - February 10, 2016 at 10:02 AM



So sorry to hear about your mother Roger. She was a wonderful woman as you will have a lot of good memories of her. Kim and I are thinking and praying for you and your family Sincerely, Joel and Kim Armstrong

Joel Armstrong - February 10, 2016 at 02:19 PM

KF

“ *Kathy J. Bowman Litwin and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elsie I. Rakes.*



Kathy J. Bowman Litwin and Family - February 09, 2016 at 06:46 AM

AS

“ *Amanda Schoettinger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elsie I. Rakes.*



Amanda Schoettinger - February 08, 2016 at 09:42 PM

LH

“ *Leonard & Darlene Hooker lit a candle in memory of Elsie I. Rakes*



Leonard & Darlene Hooker - February 08, 2016 at 09:31 PM

HM

“ *Ms. Elsie and her baby doll will truly be missed at LMCF. I am so blessed to have met Elsie. She is definitely one reason I continue to love my job at LMCF. Rip Ms. Elsie. Xoxo*

Heather Moore - February 08, 2016 at 08:51 PM

TB

Thank you for everything.

Teresa Butchart - February 09, 2016 at 07:47 AM

PM

LMCF/Castlewood staff, thank you so much for the love, support & guidance you've shown to not only my mother, but our entire family. We found alot of angels at your facility, bless you for all you do, we are forever grateful---Pattie McKenzie

Pattie McKenzie - February 09, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elsie I. Rakes.*



February 08, 2016 at 04:52 PM

DA

“ *Castlewood will never be quite the same without our Elsie! Condolences to all! We love you Elsie!*

Dayna - February 08, 2016 at 04:51 PM

TB

Thanks For everything Dayna. 💜💜💜

Teresa Butchart - February 09, 2016 at 07:49 AM

KH

“ 2 files added to the album Aunt Elsie



Kevin Hooker - February 08, 2016 at 12:37 PM

KH

“ The devotion that all of Aunt Elsie's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren showed to her is simply amazing. The unconditional love you showed to her speaks volumes of the individuals you are. Aunt Elsie will be greatly missed by many people. Can't even imagine the celebration going on in heaven. My love to you all and my sincerest sympathies to you on your loss of a great Mother, Grandmother, Great grandmother, Sister and Aunt.

xoxo

Kevin Hooker

Kevin Hooker - February 08, 2016 at 12:29 PM

TB

@Kevin...Thank You for the beautiful tribute to a wonderful woman 💕

Teresa Butchart - February 08, 2016 at 07:55 PM