

February 13, 2011

Velva Pearl Gibson



Velva Pearl “PeeWee” Landers Gibson of Poca, faithful sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, friend, singer, and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, was 'serenaded by angels' as she took her heavenly flight to join her husband, Delbert H. Gibson, on February 11, 2011, at the age of 89.

Pearl accepted Christ as her personal Savior at Bancroft Church of God Mission at the age of 17, where she also married Delbert and raised her children to love Jesus. She loved singing the old time hymns and songs that she learned as a child. Pearl shared her gift of singing in many ways. Her family would hear her singing her favorite songs while she worked around the house, rocked in her chair, or sat on her porch swing enjoying God's creation. When she would stand up in church to sing, you could hear a pin drop and the presence of the Holy Spirit would fill the place. When her friends and family were sick, she would call them up and bless them with a song over the phone. In her later years she joined the Hometown Senior Citizens choir and quartet where she was recognized by the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program for her many service hours singing with the two groups as they performed for the citizens of Putnam County.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Rollie and Mamie Mae Tucker Landers Ross; her brothers, Luther (Marie, Opal) and Norman Landers; and her sister, Betsy Withrow.

Those waiting to be reunited with her one day include her children, Charlotte (Tye) Painter of Hometown, Loretta “Toonie” (Wayne “Flap”) Landers of Poca, D. Hershel (Mary) Gibson of Bancroft, Carla (Steve) Craig of Bancroft, Candice (Randy) Smith of Poca, and Kim (Wayne) Fox of Hometown; brother, Donald (Ellen) Ross of Indiana; brother-in-law, Joe Withrow of Hometown; sisters, Evelyn (Clyde) Waller of Huntington and Milda (Glen) Justice of Kentucky; sister-in-law, Dorthea Landers of Florida; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; four babies on the way; and a host of friends.

Family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, February 13, at Bancroft Church of God Mission. The church will also be the location of the service celebrating the life of Mrs. Velva Pearl Gibson. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will honor her and her love of Jesus in word and song at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 14. Evangelist Michael Landers, her grandson, will officiate.

The family wished to thank Jettie Young, RN, Erin Cornell, RN, and the staff of Hospice Care for their support and service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to Bancroft Church of God Mission or Hospice Care.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.hardingfamilygroup.com. Gatens-Harding Funeral Home, 147 Main Street, Poca, is serving the Gibson family.