



## Muriel Ann Estes

July 22, 1936 - May 4, 2019

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Muriel Ann Estes, born in Blytheville Arkansas on July 22, 1936. Preceded in death by Billy Blanton, Byron Ward Sr. and Robert Estes, her mother Reva Chapman, her father Orean Ray, brother Bobby Ray, daughter Linda Kaczmarek, son Roy Estes, grandson, John Paul Minor and bonus great grandson, Michael Nathaniel Green.

Survived by: Sons, David Wayne Blanton (Donna Blanton) of Foley, AL, Michael Ward of Michigan, Kenneth Estes (Merryann Gober) Dadeville, AL., Mack Estes, Dadeville, Tim Estes, Dadeville, two daughters, Anita Prather (Jeffrey Prather) of Foley, Dorothy Butine of Dadeville, a sister, Betty Frazer of Louisiana, numerous nieces and a nephew; 12 Immediate grandchildren, 11 bonus grandchildren, 15 Immediate great grandchildren, 20 bonus great grandchildren., 1 great great grandchild

Muriel was married to country and western singer Billy Blanton and had 5 children. They divorced and she was left to raise those 5 children on her own. She worked at the Children's home in Farmington Missouri and put herself through beauty school and managed to buy her first home.

Her life took a change when she met and married Byron Ward Sr., and moved to Michigan. As owner of a bait and tackle shop, Ann (Muriel) was thrust into the school of live bait and artificial lures. Her first spat with Mr. Ward was when returning from a pier fishing trip with the kids, and scaling 150 lake perch with a spoon, she discovered an electric fish scaler on the shelf of the

shop! She was a force to be reckoned with! It was at this point in her life where she enrolled in night school and graduated high school, and her children were present when she received her diploma. She later on took college courses. She went on to learn how to can salmon, drive a stick shift, and attended a sewing class where she would use her skills later on in life. After convincing Mr. Ward that people do successfully live in environments with no snow, they moved to Foley, Alabama, where he lost his battle with cancer. While in Foley, she worked at the State Park Convention Center in Orange Beach as a cook.

Several years later she married Robert (Bob) Estes and moved to Dadeville, Alabama and lived on a farm, where she underwent a completely new training of caring for cattle! She often assisted in de-horning and removing other things as well. She drew upon her sewing skills and entered contest at the Farmer Federation as well as submitted a recipe for a cook book. She won several second placed ribbons for her talents. It was this time that she developed a love for walking, she could often be found feeding the catfish in one of the three fish ponds in the evening. She was an avid book reader, reading as much as a book a day.

She was a caregiver to her mother who ended up staying with her at the farm and was there when she lost Bob to Parkinson's. Her mother, her husband and his youngest son are buried in a family cemetery adjoining the farm. It was her wish to be laid to rest between the two.

A celebration of life will be held Calvery Chapel 1113 N McKenzie St, Foley, AL 36535 on May 25th at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Joe Aldrete officiating.

Our family would like to thank Diversicare of Foley, Comfort Care Hospice of Foley, and Pastor Joe Aldrete for the love and kindness they have shown to us during this difficult time. I would also like to say thank you to all friends and family for your love, prayers and support.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

# Tribute Wall

 Donna Blanton

“ Donna Blanton lit a candle in memory of Muriel Ann Estes



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Love you mommy and miss you

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