



D. "Rosie" Foley

February 6, 1922 - February 6, 2012

D. S. "Rosie" Foley, 90, of Walnut Ridge, passed away Monday February 6, 2012 at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

He was born October 18, 1921 in Smithville, son of Dan H. and Maude Spotts Foley. He was one of Jimmy Jeff Sharum Firehouse Boys while attending high school in Walnut Ridge. After graduation, from WRHS he served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

He was the former Lawrence Co. Sheriff from 1951-1960; County Judge from 1979-1982; He also held various jobs with the State of Arkansas and was an appraiser for the Jack Cato Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge for fifty-five years.

He was united in marriage to Helen Hackworth on February 14, 1948.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Jason Foley; eight brothers, Wycliff, Hubert, Genes, Ruel, Urel, Freelin and two infant boys; and a sister, Pauline Norris.

Survivors include his wife, Helen of the home; a son, John Foley of Walnut Ridge; a daughter, Stacy and David McNutt of West Memphis; four grandchildren, Shane Foley of Imboden, Danielle Smith of West Virginia,

Heather Saylor of Rogers and Cody McNutt of Louisville, Kentucky; four great grandchildren, Chloe and Lillian Foley, Laine and Elise McNutt and one step great grandson Colby Clark; two brothers, Tom Foley of California and Mayo Foley of Oklahoma; a sister, Oneta Bradley of Kansas; and many other relatives and friends.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

FEB **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

FEB **11** (CT)

Lawrence Memorial Park
Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Tribute Wall

EF

“Helen,
I got on the site to look for an obituary of a friend's husband who just passed away last night. As I was looking through, I came across Rosie's! I just wanted to let you know that I am sorry for your loss. I still see him just as he is in this picture! God bless you and may you feel His loving arms wrapped around you.

Ellie Smith Prince - Benton, KY - friend - March 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“Please accept our sincere condolences. May the God of all comfort become your refuge and strength, during this most difficult time. Until he reunites love ones into the arms of their families. (John 11:25,26)

Mines family - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“HE WILL BE MISSED, WE WILL KEEP UP AND THE FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS

GARY AND PAT KEARBY - WALNUT RIDGE, AR - CHURCH FRIEND - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Stacy, I noticed your dad's passing away this week. I am so sorry. I lost my mother in 2006 and still think about her all the time. Lost my dad in '84, and have him in the back of my mind every day, especially now that we have our first grandchild.

*Thinkin' about ya. Take care.
Hope you're doing okay.*

Jim Cunningham (aka Jimmy)

Jim Cunningham - Carrollton, GA - friend of Stacy's - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ People like Uncle Rosie are hard to describe - but I'll give it a stab. For me, he was funny, creative, hard working, and like Connie - when I was a kid he just seemed bigger than life.

He truly is one of the "good guys" and he'll be missed so much!

Aunt Helen, Johnny, & Stacy - our hearts and prayers are with you now and in the future.

Love,

Barbara Anne

Barbara Bradley Juarez - Beavercreek, OH - Niece - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ As a young girl, I thought Uncle Rosie was a Giant. As an adult I still think Uncle Rosie as a Giant, A "GENTLE GIANT". A person could set forever listening to his stories. He was GODLY, kind, generous, full of humor, a great historian.

On earth he will greatly be missed, however I do believe in Heaven right now they are having one heck of a reunion.

Aunt Helen, Jonny, Stacy & Family, my heartfelt sympathy goes to You All,

My prayer for You is that GOD will be beside you and comfort at this time and in the day's ahead.

GOD' Love and Mine, Connie

Connie Bradley - Wichita, KS - Niece - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My heart is sad for the loss of Rosie! He was one of two father figures I had growing up. He provided me with discipline, humor, loving kindness, and above all... the day to day images of what a father should be in a household that continues to live in my memories. He was indeed a gentle giant who loved his family. To have lived for 90 years is a testament to his fortitude. He will truly be missed.

With heartfelt sorrow, but happiness in knowing he lives with Jesus,
Cheryl Shifflett

Cheryl Shifflett - Olive Branch, MS - friend - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Dear Aunt Helen, Johnny, Stacey and families--

Uncle Rosie was a great man. The Foley clan has lost a wonderful storyteller. His own life had enough excitement in his years as sheriff to keep those tales nail baiting. I wonder how Aunt Helen kept calm. But I feel truly privledged to have spent several days with him in the last year hearing about life as it was lived on Foley farm and in town when he was young. Those stories helped fill in details from my Dad's memories of growing up in Smithville. Rosie had the big picture having lived there his entire life. All of you have been blessed by him and his tales. He kept the past alive.

Eva Weaver - Woodinville, WA - niece - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Helen and family,

We are terribly sorry for your loss. Will be thinking about you in this time of sorrow.

Love,

Helen and family

Helen Davis - Hope, AR - Friend - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Uncle Rosie,
You will be missed. You always made me laugh and I always
enjoyed your colorful and descriptive stories. Rest in Peace.*

*Aunt Helen, Stacy, John and family, our thoughts and prayers are
with you all.*

Love to everyone. Debbie & Lee

**Debbie & Lee Smith - St. Peters , MO - Niece & Nephew - February 07, 2012 at
12:00 AM**