



ERATH, LA - Funeral services for Vivian Louise Sibley Barnes Fruge, 101, of Erath, LA, will be held Monday, December 20, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2201 Airline Dr, Bossier City. Born on October 25, 1909, Louise died peacefully at home on Thursday, December 16, 2010.

A native of Arkansas and long-time resident of Shreveport, Louise grew up loving the land. Until she was in her mid-90's, she cultivated extensive vegetable gardens and colorful flowerbeds. Her Shreveport neighbors will remember her for her showy irises, impatiens, roses, daisies, and dozens of other varieties of flowers that brightened their lives. During World War II, she applied her gifts of a keen eye and steady hands to the maintenance and repair of precision avionics on military aircraft. These same gifts, combined with an artistic flair, led her to design, piece, and hand quilt intricate award-winning quilts that have traveled around the world. When she wasn't working in her gardens or with her hands, Louise loved to fish, read, and work crossword puzzles.

Preceded in death by her parents, George Menard and Annie Lou Wallace Sibley, four brothers, Dee Sibley, Howard "Buck" Sibley, Tom Sibley, and Ted Sibley, and a daughter Martha Louise Barnes Cole, Louise is survived by four brothers, George Sibley (Jean) of Memphis, TN, Ned Sibley (Estalene) of Flint, Texas, Johnnie Sibley of Monroe, LA, and Robert C. Sibley (Relda) of Tioga, LA, a sister Ina Mae Sibley Jamar Cowan of Blanchard, LA, daughter Iris Margaret Barnes Burton of Erath, LA, and sons Donald Wayne Barnes of Bossier City, Ora Eugene Barnes (Gayle) of Port Arthur, TX, and Howard Lamar Fruge of Winnfield, LA, 18 grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Interment at Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Oil City, LA, will follow Monday's service. Funeral home visitation hours will be from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 19, and from 10:00 a.m. until services begin on Monday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnson St., Lafayette, LA 70503.