



Maxine Benefield

January 14, 1933 - November 14, 2025

Mary Maxine Brooks Benefield, 92, of Arab, the New Harmony community, passed away on November 14th, 2025. She was born January 14, 1933, in Blount County, Alabama. Maxine was a wonderful homemaker, mother, pianist, an avid gardener, seamstress, and a classic southern cook in the kitchen. She was a friend too many in the New Harmony community. She was a member of New Harmony Missionary Baptist Church and a member of the Amanda King Chapter #472 Order of the Eastern Star in Arab.

She is survived by her daughters: Sandra Benefield of Arab and Sharon Benefield Finn (Edgar) of Huntsville, grandchildren: Chris Culver (Malou) of Memphis TN and Julie Hardy (Tripp) of Jackson, MS, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, and grand fur babies: Maggie, Mocha, and Socks.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 60 years, Manuel Edsel Benefield, her parents: Johnnie C. Brooks and Loie Oden Brooks, brothers: Billy K. Brooks, Howard Brooks, Talmage Brooks, and sister: Henry Earl Brooks. She was also preceded in death by her beloved pet dog, Bene, who provided comfort and joy in her later years.

Funeral Service was 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at Gober Funeral Chapel with Brother Tim Pinkard officiating and Eulogy by Grover Plunkett. The burial was in Arab Memorial Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel

directing. Visitation was 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Gober Funeral Chapel.

Pallbearers: Wendell Smith, Jerry Smith, Dennis Chambers, Larry Vaughn, John Hannah and Roger Bales.

Honorary Pallbearers: Phillip Vaughn and Ronnie Noles

The family has requested in lieu of flowers to please make donations to Enhabit Hospice-Albertville, 9044 Hwy 431 N, Albertville, AL 35950 or New Harmony Baptist Church, c/o Eugene Plunkett, 3387 County Road 1807, Arab, AL 35016.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

450 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Sandra and Sharon, I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I always thought so much of her and your dad, as well as you girls!*

Annie Jo Key - November 16, 2025 at 05:55 PM

SH

Thank you, Annie Jo. She was so precious and one of a kind. We will miss her deeply. Thanks for your prayers!

Sharon - November 19, 2025 at 06:29 PM

SC

“ *Susan C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Benefield.*

Susan C. - November 16, 2025 at 12:00 PM

WM

“ *Wilda J Malone lit a candle in memory of Maxine Benefield*



Wilda J Malone - November 15, 2025 at 06:33 PM

CS

“ *Maxine was a treasure I loved talking to her knitting she was a sweetheart I loved her and will truly miss her.*

Caroletta Scofield - November 15, 2025 at 01:48 PM

SH

Thank you, Caroletta! She felt the same about you! She loved to talk to you about knitting. We will miss her so much!

Sharon - November 19, 2025 at 06:30 PM