



## Saranel C. Ozley

March 26, 1918 - August 18, 2011

OZLEY, SARANEL CARTER passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2011. She was born on March 26, 1918 in Columbiana, Alabama. Mrs. Ozley is preceded in death by her husband, Richard Julius Ozley, former mayor and long time post master of Columbiana, and her brother, William Rux Carter. She was the daughter of Lillian Grace Carter and Rollie E. Carter. Mrs. Ozley served her community as City Clerk of Columbiana, Deputy Circuit Clerk of Shelby County, long time membership in The Vignette Club, and retired as a staff member of Rux Carter Insurance. Mrs. Ozley was a life long member of the Columbiana United Methodist Church where she served in many capacities over the years, the final being co-historian. She and Jeanette Nivens were responsible for the compilation, editing and writing of the history of the greater than 150 year old congregation. Mrs. Ozley is survived by her daughter, Grace Ozley McGraw (John) of Birmingham; granddaughters, Tara McGraw Vines (Jeff), Melissa McGraw Collins (Jonathan); great grand children, Sarah Grace Vines, Leah Elizabeth Vines, and Maya Grace Collins; sister-in-law, Jane Fowler Carter; many nieces and nephews. Services for Mrs. Ozley will be held at Columbiana United Methodist Church Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 11:00 AM with burial following in the Columbiana Cemetery. Pastor Lori Carden is officiating. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 AM Saturday, one hour prior to the service in the church sanctuary. Memorials may be made to the Columbiana United Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society. Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuner](http://www.boltonfuner)

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# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ I know that most of Sara's family will not remember me but I will remember the wonderful Ozley's. I grew up in the Methodist church in Columbiana in the 1940's and 50's. What a wonderful childhood I enjoyed because of people like Dick and Sara who were our youth leaders and provided us with many wonderful times of fun and fellowship. When we were in their care our parents did not have to worry about us. It is with sadness I learned of her passing and just want her family to know how much she was loved and appreciated. Sincerely, Gwendolyn Farr (Johnson)

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**Gwendolyn Farr Johnson** - September 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Many prayers go out to the Mrs. and Mr. John McGraw (Grace/daughter) and their precious families during their period of grieving. Mrs. Sara was filled with a "whole lot of sunshine"! Always had a sweet smile on her face and full of energy 24/7! She loved both her Family and Church Family so much and has left many wonderful memories for us all. Heaven is just beaming more with Mrs. Sara there, she is among many friends of her dear friends and would want us to continue doing God's work. I only got to know her in her later years, but she has made an impact on me to last a lifetime!

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**Debra Waddell** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Hi Grace, I am sorry I was unable to attend your Mom's service but I am so thankful you brought her "home" to Columbiana Rehab. I got to see her there and she soooo enjoyed being back on her home turf and being able to see so many longtime friends. She was indeed a precious woman and she will be greatly missed by all. My sympathy to you sweet dear. God bless you. With Love, Glenda

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**Glenda Lightsey Howell** - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ So sorry to hear of mrs. Ozley passing. Mr. and Mrs. ozley were ever present in our early years of growing up in columbiana.

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**rick smith** - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Grace, Mike and I are very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a very sweet and kind lady - Columbiana has lost another great lady.

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**Karen Morris Jones** - August 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I am saddened to learn of Saranel's death. I have fond memories of her, all of which begin with her seemingly ever present delightful smile. I wish to express my sympathy and condolences to Grace and all other family members.

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**Hylott L. Armstrong, Jr.** - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Mrs Ozley was a great lady Our prayers are with you, may God Bless You.

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**Don Armstrong** - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ We always enjoyed our visits with Mrs Ozley during the family holidays. She was such a special person. We are so sorry for your loss. We love you and are thinking about you.

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**Andy and Jennifer McFaddin** - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I am sorry to hear about your lost. I have fond memories of both your Mr. and Mrs Ozley. We are keeping your family in our prayers.  
Kerry and Margaret Nivens

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**Kerry K. Nivens** - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM