



## ARLENE GOOSBY

November 4, 1924 - June 23, 2011

Arlene Goosby, 86, of St. Anne, IL, died Thursday, June 23, 2011 at her home. Cremation rites were accorded. There will be a gathering of family and friends on Friday, July 1, 2011 from 4:00-7:00 P.M. at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Sun River Terrace, IL. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at Bible Witness Camp in Pembroke. Her son, Keith Goosby will deliver the eulogy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arlene Goosby was born November 4, 1924 in Prichard, Alabama to Charles and Gertrude Joiner Mitchell.

She was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where she served as a Church Mother.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Grant Goosby Jr. and to their union ten children were born.

Mrs. Goosby worked for the Kankakee Community Action Program where she was instrumental in helping begin the first Head Start Program in Pembroke. She also worked in the food and clothing pantries where she enjoyed interacting with others and making many friends.

Mrs. Goosby enjoyed being with her family, reading, camping and traveling.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three sons and daughters-in-law, Grant III and Marie Goosby of Kankakee, IL, Cecil and Phyllis Goosby of Momence, IL and Keith and Pamela Goosby of San Diego, CA; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Gertrude and Charles Mittons and Dorothy and Paul Timms all of St. Anne, IL, Betty Williams of Phillips Ranch, CA, Bernice Mack of St. Anne, IL and Brenda Goosby of LaHabra, CA; one brother Neil Flynn of Decatur, IL; 20 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, Callie Goosby and Patricia Williams and her sister, Betty Troy.

# Tribute Wall

VC

“ Miss Goosby will be missed she may rest now in a better place. You all are in my prayers God bless you all.

Vieta Crutcher - July 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ My heart goes out to the family. I will continue to pray for all of you. My Pastor at my request has put the family on our church prayer list. I never saw grandmother Goosby with out a smile on her face and I'm sure she was an inspiration to all who loved

Earline Mittons - July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ My condolences to you in the recent loss of your mother. She left a rich legacy in what she contributed to the community over the years and in what she instilled in her children. Our prayers are with you.

Ardella Perry-Osler - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ My sympathy is with you all. It was a privelege to meet Mrs. Goosby and to see what a loving legacy she and her husband raised up. You all did a wonderful job of caring for her in her last days, which I know she deserved. God bless you all.

Anne Bridges (Riverside Home Care) - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ GOD BLESS THE GOOSBY FAMILY AND KEEP THEM IN HIS CARE----JIM AND SHARON BZOSKI----I WENT TO SCHOOL FROM WITH BRENDA

SHARON(GREENLEY)BZOSKI - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Gert,  
*Wishing you peace to bring you and your family comfort. When the heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help.*

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**Shirley Byrd** - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Thank you for your loving smile.*

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**Kathy Skinner** - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *We will all miss Ms Goosbys' positive and perky attitude. She will always be remembered. Her family has been a wonderful group to be around.*  
*I look forward to seeing you all soon.*

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**jameshoward** - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *To my Goosby family, I Love you and my prays are with you. She is gone but never forgotten. Your mom has touched so many lives and I thank God for allowing me to walk through her path in life. I love you very much.*

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**Daphine Dean Ward** - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *Hey family so sorry for your loss; but we all know God don't make mistakes Mother is at rest with Papa and waiting on us to come home too. Cherish the years God gave her to us and live right to see her again.*

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**Eric Tetter** - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful person and a joy to be around. May God grant you all peace during your time of sorrow. She can now get her much needed rest in his heavenly arms. May God bless you all!!*

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**Marta Sextion and Family** - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *She will truly be missed. May God bless and keep you all during your time of sorrow. We will meet her again in Heaven!!!*

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**Mary Pope Jones** - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM