



Right next door to Heaven

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*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF



***ELVA "TOOTER"***  
***RAMEY PAY***

*November 22, 1933 ~ April 23, 2020*

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says,  
“Grieve not for me.”*

*Remember the best times,  
the laughter, the songs,  
The good of my life I lived while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage, I’m counting on you.  
Keep on smiling and surely,  
The sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,  
Remembering all, how I was truly blessed.*

*Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life,  
Don’t just stare at the wall,*

*I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,  
Until the day comes that we’re together again.*

*Author Unknown*

Elva “Tooter” Ramey Pay, age 86, of North Little Rock, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 23, 2020. She was born in Havana, Arkansas to Ned and Ila Ramey.

She was a long-term member of North Hills Baptist Church, Sherwood Arkansas. Elva worked at Southern Farmers Association and retired after 42 years as their in-house corporate printer. Elva was also a member of the Yell County Cattlemen’s Association.

She loved working on her family farm in Havana where she was born. Tooter was a lifetime farmer raising cattle and growing soybeans, corn, hay and milo. Ralph and Elva made their first crop in the Havana Bottoms in 1963. She would spend long hours on her tractor and loved the smell of fresh tilled dirt. She often said that her farm was “right next door to heaven.”

She is preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Ralph T. Pay; her parents; sister Willie Patton and brothers Carl, Harold and Floyd “Doc” Ramey. She is survived by her sister, Anna Mary “Jo” Bryant; nieces and nephews, Owreta Turner, Carroll (Florene) Ramey, Frances Burrows, Radne Bryant, Tanya Ramey, Minnie (Tim) Mills; special friends, Sharon Cox and family who had a loving friendship for over forty years and Martha and Jeff Seeber who treasured Tooter like a mother; and other extended family and friends.

Memorials may be made to North Hills Baptist Church, 9618 Highway 107, Sherwood, Arkansas 72120.

A viewing will be held at Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Due to the current health situation in Arkansas, a graveside service will be held at Havana Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020 practicing social distancing in accordance with the COVID-19 rules.

A Celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Pallbearers are Justin Swope, Greg Caldwell, Robert Caldwell, Chris Bottoms, Ryan Dawson and Zach Vaughn.