



Bessie Young

July 10, 1923 - February 3, 2026

Bessie Young, age 102, of London, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

She leaves behind two children, Barbara Hale & husband Glenn, Kenneth Young & wife Tammy, all of Keavy, Ky; seven grandchildren, Robert Hale & wife Carolyn, Dianne Joop & husband Mark, Monica Vorbeck & husband David, Jessica Roark & husband Bill, Todd Campbell & wife Debbie, Michelle Howard & husband Tim, Amy Godsey & husband Darrell; ten great grandchildren, Dylan Anders, Makenzie Vorbeck, Luke Vorbeck, Josslyn Roark, Katie Radtke, Riley Radtke, Jared Hale & wife Sarah, Madison Campbell, Nicholas Campbell, Allison Campbell; one great grandchild; her caregiver and friend, Brenda Tabor, and also Kaellie and Joann; plus a host of other family and friends to cherish her memory.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Monroe Young; her parents, Taylor & Nancy Day Sizemore; her son, Curtis Young; her granddaughter, Valerie Hale; and by seven siblings, Lucricia Callahan, Myrtle Smith, Edna Thorpe, Chester Sizemore, Bentley Sizemore, Sherman Sizemore, George Sizemore.

Bessie was a remarkable woman whose life was marked by hard work, quiet strength, and deep love for her family and community.

Bessie worked for many years as the cafeteria manager at Keavy Elementary School, where she nourished generations of children with both good meals and a caring spirit. A proud member of the Greatest Generation, she earlier made history as a true “Rosie the Riveter,” contributing to the Manhattan Project after beginning her career building airplanes in Indiana—an achievement that reflected her patriotism, skill, and determination during a pivotal time in our nation’s history.

At home, Bessie’s hands were rarely still. She loved to quilt, creating beautiful pieces that carried warmth, tradition, and love. She was an avid gardener and took great pride in her land. After the passing of her husband, Bessie ran the farm herself, proving once again her resilience and independence. She believed in the value of work and always had a job for everyone in the family, teaching responsibility, cooperation, and the satisfaction of a day well spent.

Bessie was a faithful member of Keavy Church of Christ, where her life reflected her strong values and steady faith.

Her legacy lives on in the lessons she taught, the beauty she created, and the family she loved so well. She will be remembered as a hardworking woman, a devoted caregiver, and a quiet force of strength whose life truly made a difference.

A funeral service honoring Bessie Young will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Paul Matney, Bill Browning and Jim Day officiating. Interment will follow at Locust Grove Cemetery in Keavy, Kentucky. The family will receive friends on Sunday beginning at 1:00 p.m. until the funeral hour, also at the funeral home. The pallbearers will be Rob Hale, Jared Hale, Dylan Anders, Luke Vorbeck, David Vorbeck, Bill Roark, Fisher Proffitt, Riley Radtke, Nick Campbell, Mark Joop,

Tim Howard, Darrell Godsey and Todd Campbell. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

The family has requested that the funeral service be Livestreamed:

Click here to view Livestream of Funeral Service (<https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/WA4E9R>)

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home
510 East 4th Street
London, KY 40741
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ My grandmother used to take my sister and me to Kentucky for our summer breaks from school. I always enjoyed staying at my aunt Bessies. One of my fondest memories was sitting in the apple tree, eating apples. They were the best apples I ever ate. Special thoughts and prayers for the loss of our Aunt Bessie.



Dale Foster - February 08 at 01:41 PM

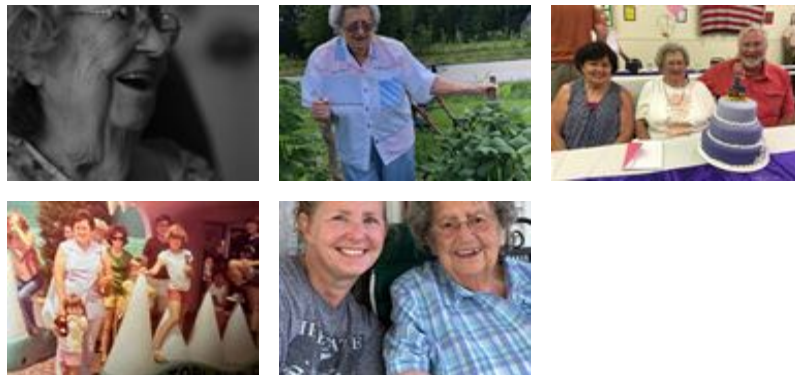
JS

“ Jack & Gloria Sears lit a candle in memory of Bessie Young, a sweet lady!

Jack L Sears - February 07 at 09:41 PM



“ 108 files added to the album LifeTributes



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - February 07 at 02:33 PM

TC

My Condolences to Barbara abd Glenn and the rest of the family

Tracy Cassidy - February 09 at 11:32 AM

KA

“ So happy we got to spend time together with Aunt Bessie, she helped me with Dales ancestry. Aunt Bessie had so much information to share. She was an inspiration for everyone that ever met her. We have great memories of Aunt Bessie. Sorry for the families loss of a beautiful person.

Love Dale n Kathy



Kathleen - February 07 at 11:31 AM

JM

“ Joe & Trudy Mcknight lit a candle in memory of Bessie Young



Joe & Trudy Mcknight - February 05 at 10:31 PM

JR

“ I remember her so well, she was a kind lady. From Kindergarten thru 6th grade she was a staple in my life
Julia Engle Rawlings

Julia Rawlings - February 05 at 08:23 PM

MM

“ My Aunt Bessie was the sweetest and kindest person I ever knew. I have some wonderful memories of her from my childhood. She was also loving and always selfless. Rest in peace Aunt Bessie. I love you forever and for always. Your Niece Fran.

Mary Frances (Cornett) McCoskey - February 05 at 06:03 PM

KC

“ I am saddened by this loss of my great Aunt Bessie. As a child while visiting my granny Myrtle Smith and Aunt Peggy I would get to spend time with my Aunt Bessie. I adored her spirit and her love. She was always working with fabric with my granny and had such a gift of quilting . My childhood was made better by my experiences and relationship with dear Great Aunt Bessie ❤️ . Family reunions were always a treat especially eating her chicken and dumplings. My love and prayers to everyone, Karen (Smith) Carmony

Karen Carmony - February 05 at 10:34 AM

JB

I was one of Bessies caregivers for a short time. And in that time I truly fell in love with her and her life and legacy. In the short time I got to be with her she was still teaching. She taught me how to embroider some. She told me lots of stories from her past. She touched my son's life also. He is in the army and he came in and visited with her a couple times. He really enjoyed spending time with her and learning about how her life as Rosie the riveter had impacted her life. I loved every day that I got to spend with her

Joann Burns - February 05 at 02:29 PM

BD

Aunt Bessie, her sister, Aunt Edna, and Myrtle, my mother-in-law were such beautiful, loving ladies and a blessing to be around. The entire Sizemore family were hard working, exceptional people. Bessie will be missed by all that knew her. I loved 🤗 her dearly!

Brenda Smith Davis - February 05 at 07:54 PM