



## Myrtle Roddenberry Langston

September 27, 1911 - April 8, 2015

On April 8, 2015, Myrtle Langston went to be with her precious Lord and Savior.

Myrtle was born in Sopchoppy, FL., to Methodist parents, the late Susie and Stephen Roddenberry, and was the oldest of three and their only daughter. Standing a towering 4'10" inches (5'3" with her beehive hairdo), she recalled a youth full of her favorite passions, including dancing, playing the piano by ear, thumbing through the Sears Roebuck catalog for the latest fashions, and playing basketball. She married her high school sweetheart, Amos Langston, at the age of 21. Interesting jobs she held during her lifetime included working as a welder on military ships – a true “Rosie the Riveter” – and as a substitute band teacher at Sopchoppy High School. Having converted to the Baptist faith after marrying her husband, she played the church organ at Sopchoppy First Baptist Church for more years than one can count. In addition to gardening and huckleberry picking, she credited reading her Bible every day and working crossword puzzles as the secrets to keeping her mind and body sharp for all those years.

To her grandchildren she was best known for playing “Hold that Tiger” on the piano, her mouth-watering fried chicken and always serving both biscuits and cornbread at every meal. She taught them never to play cards or go fishing on Sunday, and always made sure they were “saved” before they left her house. They also fondly remember her using her microwave as a newfangled breadbox and her dishwasher as a giant drying rack. To her neighbors, she

was best known for mowing her five-acre lawn while holding a parasol and wearing a #16-lb paper sack over her hair to protect her perfectly molded, blue-rinse hairdo; finally conquering the “crabgrass” that grew in the ditch in front of her house; transplanting more than 5,000 daylilies; growing a garden extraordinaire year-round; and driving her “automobile” around Sopchoppy until she was just over 100 years old.

At 103, she is preceded in death by almost everyone including her husband, Amos Langston, and her brothers, Amos Roddenberry and Alfred Roddenberry. She is survived by her only child, Ronald Langston (Kathleen) of Sopchoppy, Fla.; two grandchildren: Steven Langston (Edie) of Orlando, Fla., and Suzanne Barwick (Parrish) of Wakulla Springs, Fla.; four great-grandchildren: Shay Barwick, Sloan Barwick, Emma Langston and Walker Langston; a sister-in-law: Juanita Roddenberry; two nephews: Thurman (Kim) Roddenberry and Billy Roddenberry; and two nieces: Fanchon Revell and Electa Roddenberry.

Her family would like to give a special thanks to caregivers Lou Diebler, Paige Reinbold and Fanchon Revell for providing excellent care to “Aunt Myrtle” and taking her on numerous joy rides in and around Wakulla County. They would also like to extend their gratitude to Big Bend Hospice, especially Debbie Bullard.

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, a viewing will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church followed by a Celebration of Life at 11:00 a.m. A graveside service at the West Sopchoppy Cemetery will immediately follow.

Flowers may be sent to Sopchoppy Southern Baptist or memorial contributions made to Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church, 117 Curtis Mill Road, Sopchoppy, FL 32358 or Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Amber Miller of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333 or bevisfh.com).



# Cemetery Details

## West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Sopchoppy, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church  
117 Curtis Mill Rd.  
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

## Celebration of Life

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Michelle Kirby lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Roddenberry Langston



Michelle Kirby - April 12, 2015 at 08:49 AM

ML

“ Maurice and Judy Langston purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Myrtle Roddenberry Langston.



Maurice and Judy Langston - April 09, 2015 at 10:24 AM

JL

“ A beautiful lady always, our thoughts and prayers are with your family. She is truly home now and making music in heaven. Her daily presence on this earth will be missed by many. Maurice and Judy

Judy Langston - April 09, 2015 at 09:10 AM