



## Bessie L. Ellzey

August 10, 1928 - December 29, 2017

Bessie Louise Ellzey, 89, of Chiefland passed away December 29, 2017.

Mrs. Ellzey was born August 10, 1928 to the late Oscar and Maud Helton in Middletown, Ohio, but had lived in the Chiefland area since 1996 after moving here from Plant City, Florida. In her spare time, she enjoyed painting, reading, and spending time with her dog Sumbie.

Mrs. Ellzey is survived by her sons James Thompson and Timothy Thompson (Debbie), her daughters Susan Sanders (David), Frankie Durrance (Donald), and Sharon Thompson, her brothers Oscar Helton, Jr. and James Helton, her sister Wanda Heisler, her grandchildren Jimmy, Kellee, Jessie, Crystal, Michael, Linsey, Leslie, Bobbie, Travis, Taira, and Rodney, eighteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her first husband Jim Frank Thompson, her second husband William "Bill" Ellzey, and a son Clarence "Clennie" Thompson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ellzey will be held 3:00 PM Sunday, December 31, 2017 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with Rev. Robin Smith Jocelyn officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Interment services will be held graveside 1:00 PM Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Springhead Cemetery in Plant City, Florida.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Chiefland, Florida, 352-493-0050 and Cross City, Florida, 352-498-5400. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland  
1301 N Young Blvd  
Chiefland, FL 32626  
(352) 493-0050  
<https://www.RickGoodingFuneralHomes.com>

## Service

DEC **31**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie L. Ellzey*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Bessie L. Ellzey*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Always a kind sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Jeanne*

**Jeanne** - January 03, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ *Bessie taught me so much in keeping church records and I always enjoyed her paintings she made for the Church. Bessie always had a smile on her face and her heart for everyone. She was a blessing to me. She is with our Lord and Savior now. God Bless  
Carol Chepulis*



**Carol Chepulis** - December 30, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ *Mrs Bessie (aka granny) was a sweet lady. Will always remember her coming in on Fridays to get her hair done. Praying for the whole family.*

**Tonya Wiggina** - December 30, 2017 at 05:34 PM

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*Aunt Bessie always shown me so much love and her life taught me how to be a good Christian. Aunt Bessie, I love you and will see you soon when our Lord calls me home.*

*Mary Helton*

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**Mary Helton** - January 01, 2018 at 01:59 PM