



## Ms. Edna Runyon

January 25, 1908 - April 6, 2020

Edna Runyon, affectionately known as Big Momma, transitioned from her earthly body to her heavenly resting place on April 6, 2020. At the time of her passing, Big Momma was thought to be the oldest person in Arkansas and one of the oldest people in America. Edna was born in Willisville, AR, on January 25, 1908 to the parentage of Alf and Alice Madison McKinney.

Edna accepted Christ at an early age and united with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Willisville, Arkansas. Edna was united in marriage to Emer Runyon. To this union eight children were born. After moving to Magnolia, she united with Trinity C.M.E. where she was the mother of the church until her health began to fail.

Edna was very active in her life. She worked as a domestic housekeeper for Larry Burrow for many years until her retirement. Edna enjoyed gardening, embroidering, quilting, and canning vegetables. Until her health failed, there was always a request at family gatherings for her famous homemade rolls.

She was preceded in death by two daughters – Lafern and Stella; two sons – Hal and Cal; three brothers - Herbert McKinney, Hart McKinney, and Argie McKinney; two sisters - Mary McKinney Myles and Ludie McKinney Moss; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Those left to cherish her memory are: three daughters – Elsie Snell, Geneva Wyrick, and Alice McKeller; and one son - Matt Runyon; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 23rd Psalms Cemetery at 11:00 a.m., in Magnolia, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC.

# Cemetery Details

## 23rd Psalms Cemetery

Columbia Rd # 30 East  
Magnolia, AR

# Previous Events

## Graveside service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LC

“ All praises to our Lord in heaven. I knew Mrs. Runyon through her last living son and baby of the family Matt Runyon. We would talk about her blessed life and how it was wonderful that she could still live alone and care for herself, (to my knowledge). I never met her but she was definitely loved by Matt. He introduced me to his wonderful family.  
He was proud of those girls, (his loving sisters). He met my mother in Hot Springs and it was love and respect at first sight. I knew how special that was. So Matt and I discussed our Moms for many years, over forty. God has been mighty good to Mrs. Runyon. I just want to send my condolences to the sisters living and Ms. Felicia Runyon, Matt's daughter for allowing me to be able to share a memory. God bless you and all the families. To God Be the Praise.  
Lola Ann Culbreath, Little Rock, AR.

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**Lola Ann Culbreath** - September 19, 2021 at 01:32 PM

WT

“ I'm so sad to see this!! I feel very blessed to have had the pleasure of being one of her Home Health nurses!! I loved her and her family so much!! She was such a sweet and amazing woman that I will never forget!! Love and prayers for her family!! Waynell Tatom



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**Waynell Tatom** - April 19, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Edna Runyon.*



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April 13, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Edna Runyon.*



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April 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Runyon, McKeller, and Wyrick family.*

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**Cotis and Joyce Franks** - April 11, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *To the family*

*I am sorry for your loss.*

*Hellen Jones*

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**Hellen Jones** - April 10, 2020 at 08:55 PM

TK

“ *Edna was a true blessing to our family and I've never eaten a better chicken fried steak. What a life! God Bless and may she Rest In Peace.*

Tracy Burrow Knifong - April 10, 2020 at 07:11 PM

LR

“ *LeRoy & Peggy Rudd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



LeRoy & Peggy Rudd - April 10, 2020 at 04:56 PM

CP

“ *Cal Perry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



Cal Perry - April 10, 2020 at 12:14 AM

GJ

“ *Gladys Talley Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



Gladys Talley Jones - April 09, 2020 at 07:12 PM

GJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences! Sending prayers to you all...*

**Gladys Talley Jones** - April 09, 2020 at 07:12 PM

KG

“ *Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



**kelly Gentry** - April 09, 2020 at 04:46 PM

KG

“ *My deepest Condolences to The Runyon and McKeller Family.*

**kelly Gentry** - April 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM

EC

“ *Erica Critton-White sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



**Erica Critton-White** - April 09, 2020 at 05:29 AM

JS

“ *Joyce F Scott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



**Joyce F Scott** - April 08, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JS

*I am blessed by knowing Ms Edna. Prays and sympathy for the family.*

**Joyce F Scott** - April 08, 2020 at 07:05 PM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathy as you remember Ms. Edna. She is RIL. Sending healing prayers and hugs. Stay strong as a family unit, as you have been doing. Take care.*



**Margie Warren Moore** - April 08, 2020 at 03:15 PM

PS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Much love to all of you.*

**Paulette Stephens** - April 08, 2020 at 10:32 AM

BC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Rest In Peace.*

*Barbara Cooper*



**Barbara Cooper** - April 07, 2020 at 04:47 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W. Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



**Gracie W. Tucker** - April 07, 2020 at 12:08 AM

GT

*May your days be brightened by the longevity of your loved one. She was blessed to have lived a vibrant life for many, many years. It hasn't been that many years that she was shopping and cooking her own meals. What a blessing. She was always surrounded by her children, but the joy of her life was her grands, great grands and great-great grands who made sure she knew how special she was to them, Rest in peace and love Mrs. Edna. You were blessed by the best. Your legacy will live on in the many lives you've touched.*

**Gracie W. Tucker** - April 07, 2020 at 12:21 AM



“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



**Sherry Marshall** - April 06, 2020 at 10:12 PM

MP

“ *Deepest condolences to the Runyon family. God bless you.*



**Mary S. Pickings** - April 06, 2020 at 04:51 PM

 Jennifer White

“ *Jennifer White lit a candle in memory of Ms. Edna Runyon*



**Jennifer White** - April 06, 2020 at 04:35 PM