



## Ruth Blackley

December 5, 1911 - January 10, 2016

Mrs. Ruth Reeves Blackley, age 104, of Akron, OH, formerly of Hornbeak, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 10, 2016, at the Hospice Care Center in Akron. She had recently celebrated a joyful 104th birthday with family and friends. Ruth and her twin sister Emma were born in Hornbeak the daughters of the late Frank and Willie (Barrier) Reeves. She married Lennie Blackley on May 11, 1933, and together they owned and operated the City Market in Hornbeak for many years, where you could get the best hamburgers in town. Mr. Blackley preceded her in death on November 8, 2004 at the age of 101. She was also preceded in death by her twin sister Emma Woods Darnell. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hornbeak, a devoted Christian, wife, mother and grandmother her entire life. She was always fun-loving, affectionate and young at heart. She cherished lifelong friends and neighbors in her beloved town of Hornbeak. Over the past years she traveled back and forth from Akron to Hornbeak with her daughter Joanne.

Mrs. Blackley is survived by a daughter, Joanne West Delpozzo, a granddaughter Bethany Wenger and Dave, a grandson Ritchie and Susie West and three great grandchildren Riley Jo Wenger, Kaylie Ann West and Van Guy West all from the Akron, OH area. She is also survived by the family of her sister, Emma Woods Darnell's son Clay Woods and his children Tiffany and Troy Pippin, Jason and Ann Woods and their children.

A very special note of thanks to all of those who loved and cared for both Ruth

and Lennie in their elder years, especially Linda Burpo, the Harris family (Jimmy, Juanita and Tracey) and her surviving relatives; Betty Blackley, Carolyn Blackley and great nephew Tim and Becky Blackley, Peggy Peyton, Carolyn Grisham, their families and nephew Donald Lee Robertson. Visitation will be Saturday, January 16 at 1 PM at the Hornbeak United Methodist Church with the funeral at 2 PM. Rev. Jimmy Calhoun will officiate. Pallbearers will be Tim Blackley, Clay Woods, Troy Pippin, Jimmy Harris, Rich West and David Wenger. Burial will follow at the Hornbeak City Cemetery. Friends and family are invited back to the church for food and a "Celebration of Ruth's life" afterwards.

# Cemetery Details

## Hornbeak City

240 Cemetery Rd  
Hornbeak, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hornbeak United Methodist Church  
Glass Rd.  
Hornbeak, TN 38232

## Service

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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