



Saranel Herrod Cox Blackburn

May 3, 1929 - July 12, 2025

Saranel Herrod Cox Blackburn, age 96, of Prattville, Alabama, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2025.

Saranel was born on May 3rd, 1929, to the late Claud and Arrie Eta Herrod. She married her high school sweetheart, James Paul Cox, and together they raised two children.

Saranel was preceded in death by her first husband James Paul Cox, and her second husband Burney Hobart Blackburn; and her brothers and sisters Mildred Atchison, Elsie Golson, William Cary Herrod, M.E. Jones Stevens, Woodard Luker Myers, Kathryn Letson, Grace Faulkner, Claudie Sue Wyatt, Donald Herrod, Imogene Fincannon, and C.H. Herrod. She is survived by her two children, James Kerry (Wynette) Cox and Deborah (Mike) Tucker; her grandchildren, Lisa (Tom) Tucker, David (Melissa) Cox, Wendy (Kevin) Dobbs, and Amy (Brett) Barker; great-grandchildren, Jackson Tucker, Hannah Cox, Emma Cox, Owen Tucker, Tucker Barker, Henry Barker, JoLee Dobbs, Will Dobbs and Sara Nell Dobbs. From her second marriage, she is survived by her two children Rodney (Helen) Blackburn and Marie (Ray) Smith; her grandchildren, Bart Blackburn, Leslie Ann Botter, Maddison White and Tyler Smith. She is also survived by her life long friend and loving sister-in-law Nadine Herrod.

Saranel dedicated many years to teaching Kindergarten at Kiddie College, where she touched countless young lives. A devoted member of First Baptist Church Prattville, she faithfully served there until her marriage to Burney

Blackburn, after which she joined him in worship at First Methodist Church. Following his passing, she returned to her cherished First Baptist Church. No matter where she was, Saranel lived out her faith by serving the Lord wholeheartedly. If someone came to her in need of help, she would kindly offer them a small task around the yard—and then feed them generously. Friends who stopped by for a visit never left hungry, always welcomed by her warmth and hospitality.

A celebration of Saranel's life will be held on Tuesday, July 15th at Prattville Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the service following at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
(334) 365-7147
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Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WM

“ I just now heard about Sweet Saranel,
So sorry I missed everything!
What a WONDERFUL woman she was to
me and my family, especially after my Mom died,many Great
Memories and
Tasty plates of food.
When thinking about her I can't forget her first Husband Paul who
taught me so
MUCH about Life and the furniture
business. God has gained an Amazing
Angel!!

Whit Moncrief - July 15, 2025 at 04:59 PM

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“ Faulkner Family purchased the Fairest of All for
the family of Saranel Herrod Cox Blackburn.



Faulkner Family - July 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM

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“ Faulkner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Saranel Herrod
Cox Blackburn.

Faulkner Family - July 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM

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“ *From young childhood my life has been blessed knowing Saranel Herrod Cox Blackburn! She was like a second mother to me! She exemplified Jesus in every way and loved me and my family unconditionally. Heaven has gained a special lady. I pray for peace that passes all understanding for her dear family! With love, Dixie McIntyre*

Dixie McIntyre - July 13, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Saranel Herrod Cox Blackburn.*



July 13, 2025 at 03:44 PM