



## Avon Anderson Howell

April 2, 2019

On April 2, 2019, Avon Anderson Howell finally ended her 11 year battle with Alzheimer's. Avon was born March 18, 1932, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Katharyn Ford and Paul Cedric Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, William H. "Sharpie" Howell. Avon grew up in Warren, Arkansas. She and her mother moved into the Ford family home in Warren after her beloved father, Paul, died of tuberculosis in 1944.

She graduated from Warren High School in 1950 and entered Arkansas A & M at Monticello as a freshman where she was a Boll Weevil Yearbook Beauty and a Fraternity Sweetheart. Avon attended the University of Tennessee as a sophomore majoring in Home Economics and Education. While there, she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and was honored as a Volunteer Yearbook Beauty. After graduation in 1954, she began a career as a professional Home Economist which lasted for more than 40 years. Avon was very proud of her years at AP&L as a "lighting consultant" when she was "selling electricity in Arkansas." She also had her own lighting business in Pine Bluff for several years.

Avon was an amateur actress and appeared in productions of Antigone and The Rainmaker among others. Over the years she served as a Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, sewing teacher at the Pine Bluff YMCA, and for 7 years, the coordinator of children's ministries at Lakeside United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff.

"Mrs. Howell" was the Home Economics teacher at Stuttgart Junior High from 1978 -1996 where she received great pleasure from helping her students. She loved running into her former students, especially when they would share things that they learned from her. Avon was a skilled seamstress with a great eye for colors and fabrics. Designing a garment and picking out the fabrics was as important to her as the proper fit on the finished product. She loved the beauty of color and texture.

Her greatest joy above all was being Mother and Grandma. Avon is survived by "her loves", Mary Katharyn Hope (Ron) and Paul Howell (Julie); her grandchildren, Rachel Arnold (Chris), Laura Gowan (Trey), John Arthur Hope, Elizabeth Howell and William

Howell; and her great-grandchild, Henry Arnold.

Many thanks to the dozens of caregivers and doctors who made Mrs. Howell's life better during her journey through Alzheimer's. We could not have done it without all of you.

A celebration of Avon's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 15 at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Burial will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Graceland Cemetery in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grand Avenue UMC, 705 South Grand, Stuttgart, Arkansas, 72160.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, (501)224-2200. Avon's online guestbook may be signed at [www.littlerockfuneralhome.com](http://www.littlerockfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**APR 15** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM  
Grand Avenue United Methodist Church  
705 South Grand, Stuttgart, AR, US, 72160

**APR 15** **Burial** 01:30PM  
Graceland Cemetery  
Pine Bluff, AR, US, 71601

# Comments

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Avon Anderson Howell.



April 14, 2019 at 11:12 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Avon Anderson Howell.



April 12, 2019 at 10:56 PM

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“ I only have the most wonderful memories of Grandmal, and am grateful to have and cherish them! Sending all my love to y'all,  
Lindsey Rose

**Lindsey Shindler** - April 12, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Avon Anderson Howell.



April 09, 2019 at 07:42 PM

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Howell will be missed. What has helped me in times like these is what Jesus said at John 11:25, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” I hope this will comfort you as it has me. If you need anyone to talk to, please feel free to reach out to me.

**Grant** - April 06, 2019 at 09:56 AM

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“ I remember making little square pillows with her helping on the sewing machine! Biscuits...we baked butter biscuits and they were so good!  
Stuttgart Jr. High 1988

**sonya grissom mannis** - April 05, 2019 at 10:46 PM

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“ I am sad to hear this but have wonderful memories of my favorite teacher! Home ec. was a fun place to be with Mrs, Howell! She let me show the class how to make a pie crust, because she said mine was better than hers. I don’t know if that was true or just a kind person giving a young girl confidence. I did make a crust, like my mama talk me, without a recipe! I could not sew like my Mama and was a disappointment to Mrs. Howell on that wrap skirt ! Loved that lady and hugs to Mary Katherine. Love,  
Janie Derden

**Janie Derden** - April 04, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Awww, very sorry to read and hear of Mrs. Howell's passing. Sending my condolences to her family. She was a sweet & funny lady, also known as My Home Economic teacher at Stuttgart. She taught me how to make a pillow & sweat shirt in which I'll never forget. Thank you for all your hard work and years, Rest In Peace always.

**Kerri Owens Chambers** - April 04, 2019 at 10:17 PM



“ I'll never forget my sewing project in Home Economics. I made a jump suit and it was awful. I had to wear it in the fashion show and cooking in her class.

**Becky** - April 05, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ Prayers to the Howell Family at the loss of Ms. Avon. I was fortunate to have her as my Home Ec teacher at Stuttgart. What a kind woman she was, always had a big, beautiful smile on her face. May she now rest with God...she will be missed.

**Terri Synco Maier** - April 09, 2019 at 11:52 AM