



## Vendor Spotlight July 21, 2017

### Howard County Farmers' Market

# Lou Jamison

My name is Marion Lou Jamison and I was born at Fort Chaffee, Fort Smith Arkansas. Joey Ray Jamison is my husband of 40 years next May 22. We were married in 1977 in my grandparent's backyard under their peach tree in Dardanelle, in Yell County. My Uncle John Thaxton performed the ceremony.



Joey and I met at Arkansas Tech University at Russellville and were good friends for 2 years before we even dated. His degree is a B.A. in business 1976 and mine is a B.A in Art Education 1977. We have a daughter Carlee Rae Jamison who is 33, and son Riley Thaxton Jamison who is 30, a fabulous son-in-law Derek Helms and a lovely daughter-in-law, Tessa Lynn Ray Jamison. And now, we have two grandbabies! Derek and Carlee have started an orchard in Clark County. Helms Orchard will begin producing in 2019!

Joey is a third generation orchardist and I married into it, although my grandparents were farmers, among teaching and candy making. Obviously I didn't know what I was doing!!! Joey's grandfather Ollie planted the first trees on Jamison land in 1927 and harvested the first crop in 1930. I bring over 38 varieties of peaches to market as well as plums and blackberries. I make crafts and lavender products such as handball and lip balm. I love to bring fresh flowers and I also make tussie-mussies to sell.

I would like to see the market a thriving enterprise for the better part of the year (have a long extended season) in the future. It would be nice to have several hundred customers visit and purchase produce and other items, such as canned jellies and jams, etc. I would love to see some young farmers passionate about putting seeds in the ground and growing some food! I see the market as an opportunity to teach citizens the joys of putting up food and cooking delicious healthy foods. I consider our market a great success!

I love to do anything where I can look back and see a finished product. I love to bake in my adobe oven. I love to sew and grow herbs. I read a lot and like to create new items to sell at market. I love to can and freeze good wholesome food for my family to enjoy during the winter months. I also love to fly fish for bass and bream on our irrigation pond.

Stop by my booth for a list of the peach varieties I sell, the dates they will be ripening, and a copy of my favorite recipe "Peach Bread Cobbler." We have some "new" varieties of peaches this year. Also, check us out on Face book: "Jamison Orchard."