



Ethel Bailey Bunch

February 24, 2013

Ethel Bailey Bunch, age 87, passed away February 24, 2013 after a short illness. Twice widowed, she was preceded in death by her first husband, William Earl Bailey (1965) and her second husband, Rev. Roy David Bunch (2009) and three children, Bailey (an infant), Deborah Sue Kliewer (Ronnie) and Bill Bailey (Brenda).

Four of her children, Linda Bailey Burch, Mary Janet Bailey, Susan Bunch Elliott (Terry) and Michael Charles Bailey (Carol) survive along with 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Other than being a mother of seven, Ethel had various careers. She worked in the United States Treasury in Washington, D.C. during World War II, became a personnel manager for Cain Sloan Department store in Nashville, manager of the Munsingwear Outlet in Murfreesboro, a substitute teacher for Rutherford County Schools, and a pastor's wife for several Baptist churches.

Ethel was also a published author of poetry and religious music, continuing to write until the last year of her life.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at Jennings and Ayers Chapel with Shane Blankenship and Warren Wrather officiating. Burial will follow at Middle Tennessee State Veteran's Cemetery with grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home; 820 South Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. Please leave condolences at www.jenningsandayers.com

Book Travel to Services

Comments



“ Dear Family of Ethel Bunch,

We first met Ethel when Mike was working at International Paper Co. She was very supportive of his work and became a special person to visit with during company functions. We later met Roy at West Main Mission, and then we became reacquainted when Ethel substituted at Smyrna High where I taught. Your Mom was a sweet, thoughtful lady who always had a kind word for everyone.

Her life, lived with so much love, will never really end; but will go on forever in the hearts of those who remember her.

Sincerely,

Mike and Karen Warren

Karen Warren - Murfreesboro, TN - friend - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda, I regret that I cannot be with you during your time of loss. The loss of a mother is such a special bond. Please know that this is not the end of your relationship with your mother. She is in a better place and you still love her, and always will. I believe our mothers are our first superhuman hero on earth and we learn early to look up to them.

Treasure your good shared memories and hold them close in your heart. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday morning.

Lots of love to keep you uplifted through tomorrow.

Bettye Freudenthal - Goodlettsville, TN - Friend of Linda Burch - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda and family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. You are in my prayers and thoughts during this sad time. May God Bless you and family.

Fondly,
Debby Booth

Debby Booth - Brentwood, TN - Friend of Linda's - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So glad to know that this beautiful lady is with her Savior, Jesus Christ! The loss here hurts and know, Susan, you, your brothers and sisters, kids and other family are being lifted up during these difficult days. I have no doubt God will continue to bless

this family's legacy of love and faith. Grace and peace, sweet friends!

Karen :)

Karen Fetner - Forney, TX - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM