



## Martha "Sophie" Haislip

December 7, 2018

Martha Elizabeth Evelyn "Sophie" Leonard Tipton Haislip was born May 9, 1935 to Carl and Maudie Davis Leonard. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Carl Tipton and Alton Haislip, parents, Carl and Maudie Davis Leonard, sister, Willow Dean Leonard, brothers, Eugene Leonard and Floyd Leonard and son, Allen Haislip.

She is survived by sons, Joe (Debbie) Tipton and Bill (Vanessa) Tipton, Daniel (Natalie) Haislip, daughters, Betty (Ken) Chambers, Linda (Dewey) Dodson and Lisa Haislip (Bret) Randall and sister, Louise Tomberlain; grandchildren: Brian Tipton, Brent Tipton, Jonathan (Suzi) Ellis, Phillip (Rebecca) Ellis, Jesse (Jodi) Chambers, Sarah Chambers, Jordan Dodson, Grace (Tyler) Paul, Austin (Shelby) Tipton, Jacob Tipton, Jason (Melissa) Haislip, Josh (Mallonee) Haislip, Jamie (Bobby) Dixon, Charisse (James) Christensen, Ella Randall, and Hannah Randall; great-grandchildren: Tyler, Taylor, Olivia, Caleb, Evelyn, Britton, Cooper, Oliver, Anna, Jacy, Jaxson, Olivia, RosaLee, Justin, Elizabeth, Andrew, Katrina, Troy, and John; many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Evelyn was born in the Walter Hill Community. She enjoyed amusing folks with her many names which usually brought questions and allowed her to tell her stories of the past, something she held very dear. She attended Walter Hill School, got married at the age of 14, raised four children all while maintaining a Christian home and music career that spanned 40 years. She loved and nurtured grandchildren and great-grandchildren, befriended countless folks from all walks of life, and influenced numerous souls for Christ. She was a member of the church of Christ at Walter Hill where she attended from the age of five years until her health kept her indoors.

Sophie found a new purpose in life when she and Alton "Pops" renewed their acquaintance and later married. She loved Pops and all his children and grandchildren just like they were her own. They had 10 wonderful years of laughter, traveling, camping, yard sales, and hosting music and fish fries at the lake house. While living on the lake in Mt. Juliet they worshiped at the church of Christ at Green Hill and made many life long friends.

In 2014, she left her home of 60+ years and moved to Stones River Manor Assisted Living. While this was one of the hardest decisions she had to make, she came to love the people and her life at the Manor. She often said, "I have learned to be content whatever my circumstances," paraphrasing the apostle Paul's words in Philippians 4:12.

She obeyed the greatest command by loving everyone. She said many times, "I love everyone, even the ones who don't love me." Some of her last words were to allow anyone to visit who wanted to come. She said, "Line them up, I want to tell them I love them.

She was a singer and a writer, composing many songs and filling journals with her thoughts of God, heaven, family and music. One of her recent favorite songs was "The Sun's Coming Up in the Morning" by Dee Gaskins.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Mike, Becca and Tyler Cutter of HoneyHill Home Care for selecting the wonderful caregivers they sent to care for Mama during the last five months. Star Smith, Mia Smith-Woods, Tony Reese, Tracy Fapetu, Shirley Johnson, and others will always hold a special place in our hearts. A special thank you also to the wonderful nurses at Stones River Manor, St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, Adams Place Rehab, NHC Murfreesboro as well as Alive Hospice. You have all blessed our family.

Visitation with the family will be 4:00-8:00 PM, Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home.

Chapel service will be 11:00 AM, Monday, December 10, 2018 at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home with Jim Creech and Paul Norwood officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens with grandsons serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Haislip, Josh Haislip, Jackson Harris, and Clay Lewis.

Arrangements are under the direction of Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 820 South Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. Please leave online condolences at [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com).

# Cemetery

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## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

5350 NW Broad St  
Murfreesboro, TN, 37129

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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**DEC** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Sophie was such an amazing woman. I loved her from the first time I met her. I remember many days I'd help her with something and she'd tell me, “ when you have kids they'll tell you that they can do it themselves. You never think you'll be saying it one day.” She always has such lovely stories from her past that I hold dear. I wish I could have seen her before she departed from this home to her mansion in the sky but I know she's happy and feeling better up there having a grand reunion. I extend my deepest sympathies and want to thank her family for giving me the opportunity to meet her. My prayers are with you. Mrs. Sophie definitely helped bring me back to church and saved me.



**Miranda Givens** - December 12, 2018 at 09:46 PM

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“ Sophie became a huge part of my life when she began taking care of my mother in the early 90's. My mom thought of her a daughter. I thought of her as a sister. She was there for the both of us in so many ways. She was with me when Mother took her last breath. There to put her arms around me, love me, and help me through the situation. I definitely wanted to be there for her funeral. I did not find the obit until it was too late. So goodbye my friend and love to your family during this time. She was a great person on every road she traveled. Again, I am so sorry I missed this day.

Sara Todd Bell, daughter of Lorena Todd

**sara bell** - December 10, 2018 at 01:19 PM

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“ Such a huge impact on my life since I met you and your family. I believe you may have saved my soul. Will always be in my heart.

**Tony Reese** - December 09, 2018 at 02:16 PM

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“ I am honored too have known Mrs. Sophie, she knew most everyone she met and Christ's spirit truly set her apart from those around her. She was part of a beautiful Leonard and Tipton family history and the reunions she rarely missed. Murfreesboro history is enriched by her family's life and will clearly always be cherished by my

heart and my familys. I was so wonderfully entertained by sophie and her families musical history from radio to television. I am anxious to be reunited with all my christian sisters and brothers but sophie's kindness has always been eternal.

David A Haynes - December 09, 2018 at 06:53 AM

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“ Sophie was a very sweet person and has always been sweet to my family. When daddy played on the Carl Tipton show we always went with him. I loved seeing Carl and Sophie and listening to their music. She also played at my daddy's funeral that meant the world to me. Will miss her and miss seeing her and Betty on facebook.



Melody Johnson - December 08, 2018 at 03:59 PM

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“ I only knew her through her son Joe and the association I had with him knowing that she had such a positive influence on his Christian values. Dave Jones

David Jones - December 08, 2018 at 11:54 AM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Martha "Sophie" Haislip.



December 08, 2018 at 07:42 AM

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“ Keith and Donna Nobles purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Martha "Sophie" Haislip.



Keith and Donna Nobles - December 07, 2018 at 09:47 PM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Martha "Sophie" Haislip.



December 07, 2018 at 07:39 PM

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“ Sophie, at long last, you have earned your reward. I thank you again for my grandmother's personal song book. I love you and pray your journey is short; I expect you are about to bask in the glory that is God. R.I.P.

Jerry Bass - December 07, 2018 at 06:18 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha "Sophie" Haislip.



December 07, 2018 at 05:27 PM

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“ Mrs. Sophie is going to be missed i had grown to love her and all her family. The family grew to love just like I was one of there own. We Deep Regards And Love To The Family ☐☐



Tracy Fapetu - December 07, 2018 at 04:29 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha "Sophie" Haislip.



December 07, 2018 at 04:15 PM