



# Mary Barnes Corkren

FEB 11, 1930 - MAR 30, 2019



Scan to Visit



MEMORIAL PARK  
Funeral Home & Cemetery

# Table of Contents

<b>Obituary</b> .....	Page 3
<b>Tribute Wall</b> .....	Page 5



## Mary Barnes Corkren

FEB 11, 1930 - MAR 30, 2019

**M**ary Barnes Corkren was born February 11, 1930 in Meridian, Mississippi and was adopted at 6 weeks of age by Vera and Frank Barnes of Greenville, Mississippi. Mary was called to her Heavenly Home with her loved ones on March 30, 2019 at age 89. Mary finished Greenville High School in 1948 and enjoyed class reunions through the years. All of her friends got bikes in the third and fourth grades. She wanted one so badly she finally got a bike in the sixth grade. Her dad was afraid she would get killed on a bike, so Santa finally got her one. The neighbor said she rode that bike around the block on Christmas Day 100 times. Mary left for college at Mississippi State College for Women, now called Mississippi University for Women. She was home sick for months and wrote a postcard every night and a letter every weekend to her parents. Mary was active on campus while at The W., in the Commerce Club, Wesley Players, Bible Club, Civic League, Spectator Newspaper staff, International Relations Club, Parliamentary Certificate Club and Student Govt member. Mary attended The Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Mississippi while in college and sang in the choir. That is where she met her future husband, James Paul “Bud” Corkren. The day they met in church he came by her house in his brand new blue Chevrolet and they drove around town. Mary graduated college in June 1952. She started work as a social studies teacher in Aug 1952 at Jonestown Consolidated H.S. The following February, Jim gave her a ring and they were married June 7, 1953 at the Methodist Church in Greenville. Another reception was held at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Mississippi later that afternoon, where Jim served as a deacon of the church. Jim graduated from Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi. Then, they went off to New York City for the honeymoon. They moved to Memphis in 1953 and Mary was a teacher at Frayser Elementary School 1953-54. She is survived by her daughter, Cindy Corkren Blum; son, Frank Barnes Corkren (Sri Suta); grandchildren, Paul



## Obituary

**Mary Barnes Corkren**

FEB 11, 1930 - MAR 30, 2019

Blum and Michael Blum (Kerilyn); and great-grandson, Carter Blum. She was preceded in death by her husband, James P. Corkren in 1989; son, Jim Corkren, Jr. in 2011; and son-in-law (Cindy), Charles Blum in 2011. Mary and her family moved to Germantown in 1968. Jim started his own Manufactures' Representative Sales Agency business in the early 1960's. Mary was in the Poplar Estates Garden Club and the Poplar Estates Homeowners Association for 15 years where she served as President. She was a member of the Bethel Grove Order of The Eastern Star and her husband was a Mason. She was The World Community Chairman with the United Church Women of Memphis, a Pink Lady at Saint Francis Hospital and a volunteer at The Church Health Center. A few years before her husband died they went on a trip around the world for six weeks and Mom said she just wanted to get home and sleep in her own bed. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 2:30 p.m., all at Memorial Park Funeral Home. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be directed to Covenant United Methodist Church 3795 Walnut Grove Road, Cordova, Tennessee 38018



## Tribute Wall

**Mary Barnes Corkren**

FEB 11, 1930 - MAR 30, 2019



**Kay** posted:

My sincerest condolences for your loss. May you receive comfort through prayer and the hope found in God's word (Rev. 21:3;4; Psalm 34:18).

March 30 at 8:05 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit



**MEMORIAL PARK**  
Funeral Home & Cemetery