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Cornelia (Connie) Ellis Lee, 93, went to be with the Lord July 13, 2018 in Memphis, Tennessee. Connie was born in Apex, North Carolina on March 27, 1925. She was the daughter of the late Lonnie Ellis and Zelma Ellis Passmore. Connie was a graduate of Green Hope High School and attended East Carolina University before heading to Baltimore, MD to help with the war effort. There she met the love of her life, Woodrow Wilson Lee, and they enjoyed more than 52 years of marriage. In 1948, Connie and Wilson relocated to Memphis, Tennessee where she invested most of her time into raising her four children, Richard Lee (Jill), Ronnie Lee (Judy), Barbara Lee Arnold (Tommy), and Patricia Lee Cook (Lloyd). Connie also poured herself into the role of grandmother and great-grandmother to Bren Lee, Brian Lee, Lauren Beavers, Matt Lee, Adriane Lee, Corbin Cook, Kristen Cook, Tommy Arnold, Eliza Lee, Hayden Lee, Nathan Merrill, Ella Kate Beavers, Caroline Beavers, Blair Beavers, and Odin Arnold. As a point of pride – Connie was proclaimed the “Queen Bee,” and carried out this role in exceptional fashion. Connie was a friend to many and was known for her commitment and devotion to her family, for her passion for life, her readiness to help a friend or stranger, her integrity and strength of character, and her strong Christian faith. As a devoted member of Bartlett Hills Baptist Church formerly Raleigh Baptist Church for over 60 years, Connie served her church in many ways. She was a dedicated Sunday School teacher investing herself into the lives of thousands and thousands of elementary school children over the course of 40 years. Connie also operated the Calvary clothing mission on Lamar Avenue for many years helping to clothe underprivileged families while sharing her faith in Jesus. Connie was Past-President and an active member of the Memphis Doll Club for many years traveling to doll conventions across the country. She was also a long-standing member of the Nineteenth Century Club, Order of Eastern Star, Mizpah Chapter No. 62. She enjoyed many friendships from



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her association with these organizations. Her love of history was illustrated by her memberships in historical societies. Connie was a member of the River City Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also Past-President of the General Forrest Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and provided support and leadership to the Mary Forrest Bradley Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy. Year after year, Connie greeted tens of thousands of guests to the City of Memphis as a devoted volunteer of The Wonders Cultural Exhibitions hosted by the City of Memphis some years ago. Her lively and spirited personality made her a great ambassador for the City of Memphis. Connie became an accomplished world-traveler and spent many years exploring the world in over 38 countries. She dedicated her life to serving others in Christian and civic organizations. A life well lived. The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the service to be held on Wednesday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. All services will be held at Memorial Park. To view the memorial video, please click the following link: <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/77CJXF23LMZ4TRH6>



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AM

Ann McIntyre posted:

Patsy, Andy and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

July 18 at 5:55 PM

KA

Karyn Walters Overton Allen posted:

Mrs. Connie was such a precious lady. She is the reason my grandparents came to Raleigh Baptist. I loved to hear her stories about all the ways she had served at church. She was so faithful and a good friend to so many. We always enjoyed when Mrs. Connie called the church office. She loved to talk! I will miss her sweet smile and sweet southern voice. I know she's in the presence of her Lord and so many friends and family! Love and prayers to her family.

July 17 at 10:06 AM

DO

Dowd posted:

My Mother always asked about her church friend of so many years, Connie Lee. The faithful and longtime old timers of the old Raleigh Baptist Church(Bartlett Hills) are now reunited and reuniting in their long expected heavenly home. To Mrs. Lee's friends and family I offer my condolences and celebrate the reunification of the faithful Christian spirits in their awaited and eternal home with Jesus Christ. Remembering the old church hymn these true believers so long sang"When we all get to heaven". Mother and Dad were there to greet her with their new, forever song. Prayers of Sympathy and new hope. We miss them, but know that they are alright with Christ.

July 16 at 7:59 PM

RR

Rebecca S. Renfro Rn posted:

DEAR LEE FAMILY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING US TO SHARE IN MS.LEE LIFE, BY HELPING TO CARE FOR HER OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. WE LEARNED TO LOVE HER SO VERY MUCH, AND ENJOYED SEEING HER FAMILY MANY WEEKENDS COMING TO VISIT, AND SURROUND HER WITH YOUR LOVE. WHAT A WONDERFUL LEGACY SHE LEAVES OF LOVING CHILDREN. I PERSONALLY KNOW SHE LOVED THE LORD SO MUCH, AND SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO HEAVEN. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HER AGAIN IN HEAVEN. IN HIS SERVICE, REBECCA S. RENFRO RN WEEKEND SUPERVISOR KDSH, BARTLETT,TN

July 16 at 6:19 AM



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AS

Alma Sumler posted:

I would like to express my condolences in the loss of your dear loved one. The bible gives us hope of seeing them again in the coming resurrection according to such scriptures as [Acts 24:15]-[John 5:28-29] and [John 11:24-25]. We find further hope in [Isaiah 25:8] which says that, Jehovah God will swallow up death forever. I hope these scriptures will be of some comfort. With Deep Sympathy.

July 15 at 11:09 AM

MP

Max Parnell posted:

The family has may sincere sympathy. Mrs. Connie was a wonderful lady.

July 14 at 8:31 AM



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