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Lou Hatchett Holcomb, 87, went Home on January 5, 2016. She is survived by her sister, Eva Nell Hatchett Hughes; step-daughter, Noni Holcomb Gardner (William); daughter, Jamie Holcomb Henwood (Lee); son, Hampton Andrew Holcomb, Sr. (Nancy), sister-in-law, Jean Hatchett; ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Mrs. Holcomb was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, James Anderson Holcomb, Sr.; stepson, James Anderson Holcomb, Jr.; grandson, Jay Hatchett Holcomb; and brother, Jerry O. Hatchett. Lou was born October 14, 1928 in Brasstown, NC, but grew up in rural Murphy, NC. She was a church soloist and sang with her sister Eva Nell during WW2 in order to sell War Bonds. She moved to Chattanooga after high school, and worked for a doctor there as his assistant, secretary, and bookkeeper until she married. The doctor had to hire three people to replace her! She met and married her husband, Jim, there in 1951. Jim's job and a need to help his mother eventually moved them to Memphis in 1961. She cared for her children and mother-in-law, but still had time to serve at her church, St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, most notably in the kitchen. She was an extremely accomplished cook. She later worked as the bookkeeper in the Episcopal Bookshop for almost a decade. She made many lifelong friends here before she and Jim retired to Ocean Springs, MS, in 1986. There, too, they had a full life with many friends, before returning to Memphis in 2012. Although unable to be very active, she continued to make new friends at Lutheran Village and their new church, St. Elisabeth's. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, at Memorial Park Funeral Home. The visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery immediately following the service. Memorials may be made to St. Elisabeth Episcopal Church or LeBonheur Children's Hospital.



Tribute Wall

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JH

Jamie Holcomb Henwood posted:

Thank you, Barb and Chuck, for sharing those memories and love. I have lots of pictures of her with you all, dancing and smiling—she really enjoyed your group and the fellowship she shared with you. She was such a friendly person to all she met— never met a stranger. I'm glad you two were friends!

May 19 at 6:53 AM

JH

Jamie Holcomb Henwood posted:

Thank you again, Harry, for your love and memories of Mama. I tried to comment a few months ago, but didn't do something right on the web site. We are so blessed to have such a loving and close family. Our memories of times together will never leave us. I miss Mama and Daddy so much, but I'm glad they are together again and in no pain or sorrow. Love you! Louie

May 19 at 6:47 AM

JH

Jamie Holcomb Henwood posted:

Dear Kathleen and Kevin, Thank you so much for your prayers and sweet remembrances. Yes, they loved all you so much, and, of course, your parents so dearly. They were blessed by such dear friends from church and other organizations. I'm sure, too, that there was a wonderful reunion for the four of them in Heaven! Love y'all! Louie and Hamp

May 19 at 6:42 AM

KS

Kathleen Shaughnessy posted:

Lou Baby, We are so very sorry about your parents passing away. The Shaughnessy Family has such fond memories of both Lou and Jim. Lou was so great to stay in touch with us kids after Marilyn and Clark Shaughnessy both passed way. She would invite us over for Pizza and a cocktail.. We loved Mardi Gras time with them at Les Masquees and other carnival organizations.. We visited them many Sunday's at Redeemer for social hours after church. We just loved your parents and are really going to miss them greatly..I just know they are all having so much laughter in Haven with Marilyn and Clark Shaughnessy.Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family... Love you Guys...Kathleen, Kevin, Denny and Kathy Shaughnessy

January 27 at 10:24 AM



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MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lou Hatchett Holcomb.

January 18 at 11:23 AM

HH

Harry Hughes posted:

Mary Lou Hatchett Holcomb was the only aunt I had. There were only three children, my mother Eva Nell, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Lou. Dad had no brothers nor sisters. She was a delightful person to be around, pretty, witty, hard working, and talented. Her father said she was "Feisty". I remember her and the family singing together at family get-to-gathers. They all had beautiful voices. She will be sorely missed by us all. Two thirds of the trio are gone from us but are part of God's Choir! Bye Aunt Lou, Harry Hughes

January 11 at 12:03 PM

BN

Bar Nannery posted:

Dear Lou— so many of the members of Hibernia Marching Society of MS remember you with love and will carry fun times in our hearts. You were always so warm and cordial and never failed to make me smile. Save a place for me and the other Irish to follow. Rest in peace my beautiful friend. Barb and Chuck Nannery, Past Presidents

January 7 at 8:56 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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