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Mary Baker Dennis of Memphis, TN, 86, wife of Claude C. Payne, Jr., for 41 years and after his passing, was married to Lawrence S. Dennis until his passing in 2004. Mary died surrounded by family at her home on May 12, 2015. Mary was born in Memphis, TN on April 6, 1929 and resided in Memphis, TN. She attended Central High School in Memphis, TN and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She did much volunteer work during her life and started her own business as an interior decorator. Mary had a deep and abiding faith and an unending trust in God throughout her life and was a member of Shady Grove Presbyterian Church and Germantown Presbyterian Church. Mary was predeceased by her father and mother, Guy F. Claxton and Eugenia Claxton, and her sister Tempe Budd. She is also predeceased by her daughter, Claudia L. Payne. She is survived by her son, Guy H. Payne and his wife Christie W. Payne and their daughters, Stephanie Nichopoulos, Allyson Payne, and Claire Payne and great-grandchild, Hunter Nichopoulos. Services will be held at Germantown Presbyterian Church at 12 noon with visitation at 11 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2015. The family requests that any memorials be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, "Behind the Stone Wall."



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