



Mary Nell Read Ballew

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Mary Nell Read Ballew went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the age of 87. She was born to Charles and Frances Read on December 14, 1927 in Haywood County, Tennessee. She is survived by her husband, Pervis, whom she met on a blind date in 1956; her two sons, Jeff and wife, Jennifer, and Read and wife, Trish; four grandchildren: Read, Christie, Will and Georgia; and her younger sister Frances ("Fracca") Hymel and husband Septime of Shreveport, LA. She attended Memphis State College (now the University of Memphis) and became a life-long resident in the Memphis area. She was active in the community and in her church, serving several terms as a PTA president, as a member of the North Memphis Area Advisory Board of the Memphis City Schools, and in numerous positions of leadership over her 45 years as a member of Grimes Memorial United Methodist Church. She was also active in the Tennessee CPA Wives' Auxiliary. An avid sportswoman, she taught both her sons to play tennis and golf. Her husband remembers her as a loving and devoted wife, and her children and grandchildren remember her as a caring, witty and adventurous mother and grandmother. Visitation will be from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave., and a memorial service will be held in the Riverside Chapel of Memorial Park on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.



Tribute Wall

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LW

Linda Weisinger posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Mary Nell's passing. We have wonderful memories of her and she was dear to all of us. Our prayers are with Pervis and all of her family. Frances Mann Linda Mann Weisinger Betty Mann Jones

March 11 at 3:38 AM

EH

Emily Hartnett posted:

Mary Nell, growing up in Brownsville, Tennessee as the daughter of the Chief of Police, had my unwavering respect. As we grew older, her attention to our family activities endeared her to our circle of first cousins. She and Pervis always made an effort to be around for important occasions, and often showed up on my mother's front porch just to visit. Heaven is welcoming her sunny smile!

March 4 at 12:37 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Read Ballew.

March 4 at 12:08 PM

HY

Hymel posted:

Hymel purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mary Nell Read Ballew.

March 4 at 10:12 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Read Ballew.

March 4 at 6:05 AM

JR

Jeff, Jennifer, Will, Georgia, Read, Tri posted:

Jeff, Jennifer, Will, Georgia, Read, Trish, RJ and Christie purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mary Nell Read Ballew.

March 4 at 4:19 AM



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TR

Tom, Margo, Mike And Melissa Read posted:

Tom, Margo, Mike and Melissa Read purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Nell Ballew.

March 3 at 3:15 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Bellew.

March 3 at 10:58 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Bellew.

March 3 at 10:34 AM

EM

Eleanor & David, Susan, Ellen, Margaret posted:

Eleanor & David, Susan, Ellen, Margaret and David Jr. purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Mary Nell Bellew.

March 2 at 8:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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