



Betty Williams Rose

February 25, 1929 - January 18, 2015

Betty Williams Rose, age 85 of Cookeville, TN passed away Sunday evening January 18, 2015 at the Hillview Nursing Home in Columbia. Mrs. Rose was born February 25, 1929 in Somerset, KY, the daughter of the late Guy Williams and Gladys Littrell Williams. She graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville in May 1951 with a degree in Home Economics and immediately began working as the Home Demonstration Agent in Smith County. On August 22, 1954 she married Jerry Lancaster Rose of Smith County and he preceded her in death on May 10, 2005. From 1955 to 1960 she taught Home Economics at Gordonsville High School. Mrs. Rose devoted her life to raising her four children, providing them with the best education possible and supporting her husband in his work as President of the Cookeville Production Credit Association. Mrs. Rose is survived by four children: Cindy Rose Dowell (Steve) of Carthage, Dr. Jerry Lancaster Rose, Jr. (Kari) of Columbia, TN, Rhedona Rose of Columbia, TN, and John Williams Rose (Chelsea) who owns the family Century Farm located near Temperance Hall, TN in DeKalb Co. Mrs. Rose has four grandchildren: Lori Rose Dowell (Omar), New Orleans, LA, Stanley Greg Dowell, Washington, DC, Joseph Lancaster Rose, Starkville, MS and Ella Kate Rose, Columbia, TN. She is survived by three sisters: Mary Williams Bowden (Shelley), Jamestown, TN, Margaret Williams Tipton (Winston), Muncie, IN and Jonelda Williams Blalock (Sid), Knoxville, TN. Sister-in-laws Frances Rose Driver, New Middleton, TN and Carlene Williams, Jamestown, TN also survive. Four

siblings predeceased Mrs. Rose. They were: Joyce Williams Johnson (Melvin), Livingston, Mildred Williams Pyle (Del), Sam Williams (Lou Nell) and Jerry Williams (Carlene) all of Jamestown, TN. Funeral Services for Mrs. Rose are scheduled to be conducted on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 1PM at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes. Interment will follow in the Gordonsville Cemetery. Visitation with the Rose family will be held at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home on Friday from 3PM to 8PM and again on Saturday from 10AM until the service time at 1PM. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: Jerry and Betty Rose Agriculture Scholarship Fund, TTU Box 5047, Cookeville, TN 38505; TN Foundation for AG in the Classroom, PO Box 313 Columbia, TN 38402-0313; FFA Foundation, Box 5034, TTU, Cookeville, TN 38505; First Baptist Church "I Love My Church" fund, 2790 Pulaski Highway, Columbia, TN 38401; Zion Christian Academy Annual Fund, 6901 Old Zion Road, Columbia, TN 38401. Bass Funeral Home, Gordonsville Chapel, Directors

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *My Mother, Christine Jones, and I just learned of Mrs. Rose's death. We are so very sorry to hear of her passing. My parents lived next door to your family for just over 40 years. She was a kind and dignified lady. I always enjoyed talking with your Mom and Mrs. Burks. I miss our wonderful neighbors. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Jennifer and Christine Jones*

Jennifer Jones of Cookeville, TN - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Betty Williams Rose*

gerry lambert of savannah - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Dona, John, Cindy and Lanny, Heard the news today. So sorry to hear of your loss. Sherrie and I send our thoughts and prayers your way. We both have fond memories of your mother and father.*

Ruth Smith of Manchester TN - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Dear Family of Betty Rose, We were very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. As you mourn the loss of your loved one - May the sharing of your memories bring all of you comfort and peace and give you renewed strength for tomorrow. With Sympathy To All of Your Family*

Jeff, Teresa & Chad Ragsdale of Chapel Hill, TN - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My sincerest condolences to the Rose family in grieving your loss of Mrs. Rose. I pray that God will comfort you in your time of need as only He can, and may the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be yours. Mrs. Rose was a great example of God's grace manifested in a Southern lady, wife and mother. All blessings to you and your family, Jamie and Darleen Heartfield

James Heartfield of Chattanooga, TN - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

John & Joyce Watson of Oneida, (Scott County) TN - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Rose Family, please accept our condolences in the passing of Mrs. Betty. She raised an amazing family, and we've been blessed to have you all in our lives. We're lifting you up in prayer. - Jesse & Kinsey Emery

Jesse & Kinsey Emery of Christiana, TN - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Cindy, Lanny, Rhedonna, and John, Jonelda told me about your mother's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. It has been 7 years since mom passed and I will tell you it takes some time to realize your loss. She was a fun, sweet lady and I remember her fondly from my childhood. Take your time to heal and don't let anyone tell you when to stop grieving. All the first holidays will be difficult but there will also be the wonderful memories to get you through. With you in spirit, love Marilyn

Marilyn Ferree of Punta Gorda Florida - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Hello Cindy, Lanny, Rhedonna and John. Jonelda told me about your mothers passing and I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of her in my childhood and she was so much fun and I know you will all miss her very much. It's been seven years since my mom passed and it is not an easy transition to make. It takes a while to accept, and really comprehend. Give yourselves lots of time to understand what has happened and know that someday it will become easier. All the first big holidays will be sources of sadness but also great happiness when you remember the good stuff. You all have each other to lean on and that will help you to get through it. Talk to each other; she would want that for you. This will also bring up memories of your dad. That will also be difficult and healing at the same time. Take care all of you...love, Marilyn Jean

Marilyn Ferree of Punta Gorda Florida - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Lanny, Kari & family, we were so sorry to hear about your loss. Even though we never had the opportunity to meet her, we know she was a wonderful person just from knowing your family. May GOD's peace and comfort be with all of you. Keeping you in our prayers, Mark & Kay Craft

Kay Craft - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ John, we were sorry to hear about your mother's recent death. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

John & Sue Todd of Powell, TN - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Lanny,Kari,Rhedona,and familySorry for your loss. Kaye and I have been remembering you all in our prayers,and will continue to do so.

Ed Falcomata of Bonita Springs FL - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ We are very sorry for the family's loss. Please know that the Rose family is in our prayers.

Robert and Stena Meadows of Greeneville TN - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Our thoughts & Prayers are with you. Tracy Dugger

Tracy Dugger of Johnson County - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ So sorry for your loss.

David&Bernice Hennessee of Wartburg Tn - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May God give you peace and understanding at this time.Houston County FFA

Curtis Gant of Erin, TN - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear John and Chelsea,Praying for you guys during your lost, all moms are super special, and I am sure that yours is no different. If you need something, please let me know, and I will do my best to try to help.Jerry

Jerry Johnson of Covington, TN - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Lanny, saddened to hear of the loss of your Mother.....praying for You and Your family during this difficult time... Love You my Brother in Christ..

Mr and Mrs Robert Lonis of Murfreesboro - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM