



Jean Caplenor

December 29, 1935 - December 25, 2025

Mrs. Betty “Jean” Kemp Caplenor, age 89 years young of the Flat Rock Community passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2025.

Mrs. Jean was born December 29, 1935, in the Buffalo Community of Smith County, a daughter of the late Leslie Edgar “Lex” Kemp and Cleo Deltha Givens Kemp. She married Charles Judson Caplenor on August 1, 1956 and he preceded her in death in 2018. Mrs. Jean was also preceded in death by Daughter; Tammy Mofield, Son-in-Law; John Norman, Brother; William H. “Buddy” Kemp and Sister-in-Law; Joyce Bennett Kemp.

Mrs. Jean spent most of her childhood in the Sullivans Bend Community. After marrying Charles in 1956, they lived on the Caplenor Family Farm until their deaths.

Mrs. Jean graduated from Smith County High School in 1955. She worked at the Carthage Flower Shop for several years before coming to Gordonsville where she owned and operated Gordonsville Flower Shop for 45 years. In recognition of her years of excellence and dedication, Mrs. Jean was awarded the Smith County Business Woman of the Year in 2008. She was saved at an early age and was a faithful longtime member of the Rome Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jean is survived by Daughter; Micky Norman of Tullahoma, TN, Betty

(Bill) Scruggs of Cookeville, TN, and Connie (Steve) Gibbs of Mt. Juliet, TN. Son-in-Law; Mike Mofield of Rock City, TN. Ten grandchildren; Jay (Heidi) Norman, Matthew (Emily) Norman, Mary Lidstrom, Trent Willmore, Judson (Jess) Mofield, Martin (Marlana) Mofield, Mallory Mofield, Laurel (Micha) Pittman, Kacie Scruggs, and Zach (Megan) Gibbs. Fifteen great grandchildren; Isabella, Madalin, Joslynn, Lily, Abe, Jack, Sam, Charlie, Marlee, Alora, Jahziah, Wyatt, Millie, Emma, and Maggie. Sister; Evelyn (James Lowe) Taylor. Brother; James (Donna) Kemp. Sister-in-Law; Geraldine (BJ) Reich, and several loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean are scheduled to be conducted from the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at 11AM with Bro. Wayne Malone officiating. Interment will follow in the Wilson County Memorial Gardens.

Visitation with the family will be at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Tuesday from 3PM until 7PM and on Wednesday after 10AM until service time at 11AM.

The family requests memorials in Mrs. Jean's memory be made to the Vanderbilt Pediatric Cancer Center or the Vanderbilt Ingram's Cancer Center.

Cemetery Details

Wilson County Memorial Gardens

618 S. Maple St
Lebanon, TN 37087

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home
71 E Main Street
P. O. Box 248
Gordonsville, TN 38563
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Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *She was my neighbor, and I loved her dearly. We had such great conversations. She was always ready to help me with a bow or a flower. She had a gusto for life and. I will miss her*

brenda bradford - December 31, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Caplenor.*



December 30, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Caplenor.*



December 29, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Caplenor.*



December 29, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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“ Putnam County Sheriff's Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Caplenor.

Putnam County Sheriff's Office - December 29, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Caplenor.



December 28, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean Caplenor.



December 26, 2025 at 11:23 PM

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“ The world was better with her in it, always so kind and positive with the best personality and always a helping hand. I wish she would have been healthy enough to have made it to her 90th birthday in just a few days, so sad! She will be missed, but I'm glad she will now be with Mr Charles 💕



Teresa - December 26, 2025 at 06:27 PM