



Mary Etta Turner Nixon

June 19, 1932 - October 2, 2023

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Mary Etta grew up on what we call Agee Branch to Walter Lee and Bertie Atwood Turner. She had three brothers, Ray (LaVergne), W.L. (Sarah), and James (Sue) Turner, and one sister Carolyn Turner Stewart (Joe). Of course, there were multiple nieces and nephews, and aunts and uncles, and cousins. As a matter of fact, the Turner family had a yearly gathering in Shop Springs at the “old home place.” That’s what the Turner family calls it.

Closer to home, Mary Etta married Clarence Nixon June 30, 1950. Then came five children — Susan, Victor (Lisa), Candice (Mark), Tim, and Penny. There are several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even one great-great grandchild.

Mary Etta and Clarence, and Ray and Ocia Paschall owned and operated Nixon and Paschall General Merchandise for 50ish years in the heart of Hickman, Tennessee. Mary Etta became the rock of the store for many years when Clarence took on a mail carrier position and Ray took on a bank manager position.

Mary Etta thrived in her interactions with family, friends, and community. She loved deeply in many ways — club activities, seeking the history of the

Hickman and surrounding communities, refinishing furniture, flower and vegetable gardening, birds, visiting old buildings — and not sure if this was a deep love but she sure could stare down a mole hill, ready with the hoe if that critter showed himself.

Mary Etta's deep love showed toward none more than her church, which was always Hickman Baptist Church, and it's mission for the community and beyond. Mary Etta served well her God with love that she showered in all she managed and accomplished, whether in seriousness or in fun.

Mary Etta lived fully for 91 years!

The family would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the staff and nurses and doctor of Riverview Hospital and The Pavilion of Carthage, Tennessee, and staff of Gentiva Hospice of Cookeville, Tennessee. The care and compassion experienced by Mary Etta and her children cannot be equaled. We thank you.

And to the residents of The Pavilion of Carthage, your love and friendship meant a happier life for Mary Etta for several months. Thank you each and every one!

One other important group that we must recognize and thank are neighbors on Cloverdale and the entire Hickman community. No words are enough. We have been and continue to be blessed!

Funeral Services for Mrs. Nixon are scheduled to be conducted at the Hickman Baptist Church on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 10AM. Interment will follow in the Baird Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be at the Hickman Baptist Church on Thursday

from 4PM until 7PM and on Friday after 8AM until service time at 10AM.

The family requests memorials be made to Hickman Baptist Church or to The Etta Project, ettaprojects.org, 909 North J Street, Tacoma, Washington 98403.

Cemetery Details

Baird Memorial Cemetery

50 Sykes Rd
Hickman, TN 38567

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hickman Baptist Church
15 Sykes Rd
Hickman, TN 38567

Visitation

OCT 6. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hickman Baptist Church
15 Sykes Rd
Hickman, TN 38567

Service

OCT 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DE

“*Mary Etta and Clarence Nixon were steadfast loyal friends of my grandfather Ben Ashley and Uncle Larry. I had stopped by several times to visit, take some old photos of the area to her and a red bottle for her bottle tree! She shared some plants with me. He would throw candy out of his mail truck for us when we were visiting our McDonald grandparents in the 60s. I regret that I didn't know of their deaths at the time they occurred to express my condolences. I know she's missed, as well as Mr. Nixon. They were both fine people.*”

Debbie McDonald East - December 15, 2023 at 10:39 PM

KL

“*I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Mary Etta. I spent many nights at her house when Susan and I were in school. She was a precious lady and will certainly be missed.*”

Kaye Fields Loftis - October 13, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“*Mary Etta who is grandmother to my son Nicholas and is and always has been a loving, spiritual and faithful influence To Nick and me. She always sent cards and phone greetings on holidays and birthdays. I am so grateful for her love for us and most importantly her strong faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray she rests peacefully in Heaven and that she knows how much she is loved by her family and her community and us in Mt. Pleasant, SC. We love you Mary Etta “Grandmama”*”

Amy Flanagan - Nicks Mom

Amy Flanagan - October 06, 2023 at 09:42 AM

JM

“ *She was a joy to us at The Pavilion, she will be greatly misses*



Judy Mofield - October 05, 2023 at 04:57 PM

MD

“ *Mary D. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Etta Turner Nixon.*



Mary D. - October 05, 2023 at 10:59 AM

LB

“ *My name is Lorraine Barton. I have missed Ms. Mary Etta every day since the day we left Tennessee. My Mom, Gaitha Meyle, and I knew she was a good friend that God had placed in our life along our journey. I have a special Cross stitch picture that she did for me for Christmas one year that I treasure. Ms. Mary Etta and Mr. Clarence came to our little house on the side of the hill in Temperance Hall and invited us to come to Hickman Baptist Church. She then continued to teach and guide me into becoming a Christian and giving my life to Jesus. I will never forget her and the love she gave to me and my family. I know my mama is so glad to see her. Rest peacefully Ms. Mary Etta. I love you.*

Lorraine Barton - October 04, 2023 at 08:53 PM

MM

“ *Sending sympathy to the family. Sorry we could not attend-thank you to Candice for all the love she shared for Morris’s sister Janel.Prayers—*

morris & glenda myers - October 04, 2023 at 06:49 AM

ST

“ *Condolences to the family! Who could ever forget getting scoops of ice cream out of the freezer! Lovely lady! Sherry*

sherry trumpower - October 03, 2023 at 09:30 PM