



Bessie Headrick Eble

October 20, 1925 - October 17, 2022

Bessie Headrick Eble, 96, of Harriman passed away peacefully on October 17, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Oakdale to the late William L. Headrick, Sr., and Edith Tauscher Headrick.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Hollis Eble, Sr., brothers Dr. William L. Headrick, Sr., and wife Virginia, Dr. James R. Headrick, sister Wilma H. Miller and husband Milton, bother-in-law William S. Broady.

She is survived by her son Dr. Jay Hollis Eble and wife Linda, daughter Edie Eble Parker and husband Craig all of Harriman. Grandchildren, Dr. Emily Eble Jones and husband Wesley of Kingston, Dr. Jason Hollis Eble and Jazzalynn of Harriman. Great-grandchildren, Averie and Lily Jones of Kingston, Mila and Sofia Eble of Harriman. Sister Carolyn Broady of Pigeon Forge, Sister-in-law Janet Headrick of Chattanooga and several nieces and nephews.

She was a graduate of Oakdale High School (1942), Tennessee Wesleyan College (1944), and received her B.S. Degree in Business Administration from The University of Tennessee (1949).

She worked at Oak Ridge during World War II. After her marriage June 1,

1950, she moved to Cookeville, TN, and worked as executive secretary to President Everett Derryberry of Tennessee Tech University until returning to Oakdale. After 34 years of teaching experience at Loudon, Sunbright and Oakdale she retired in 1985. She was named Morgan County Teacher of the Year in 1980 and always maintained her membership in Morgan County Retired Teacher's Association and Tennessee Education Association. After retirement, she worked in her son's dental office and served as a volunteer at Roane Medical Center.

She was a life-long member of Oakdale United Methodist Church (OUMC) where she served as pianist, secretary, treasurer, was a member of the United Methodist Women, and taught in Bible School and after-school programs.

She enjoyed life, spending time with family and friends, working with youth and was known for her sense of humor and "Bessisms."

The family would like to thank her two special caregivers, Helen Wright and Rebecca Nelson.

The body will lie in state Saturday, October 22, 2022, at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman from 11:00-2:00. The funeral service will follow with Tom Robins and Jennifer Spieth officiating. Interment will be at Roane Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to OUMC, Post Office Box 176, Oakdale TN 37829.

Cemetery Details

Roane Memorial Gardens

1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Previous Events

Lie In State

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bessie Headrick Eble*



Kyker Funeral Home - October 20, 2022 at 01:11 PM

KK

“ *To Edie, Jay, and families, Lifting you all up in prayer in the loss of your Mom. I remember her sense of humor and kindness. May light perpetual shine on her.*

Kim Henley Kennedy - October 22, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Headrick Eble.*



October 21, 2022 at 01:28 PM

JL

“ I met "Miss Bessie" at age 10, when my family moved next door to her & Hollis. She & my mom became fast friends, and the whole family took us under their wing. I would spend hours at their house, just talking (to the point that Mom would call and tell me to come home). Not only was she a good friend, but a good teacher also. I think taking her typing class in high school was a rite of passage for all of us. She was one of a kind, and will be greatly missed...❤️

Jane Leffew - October 20, 2022 at 11:49 PM

NF

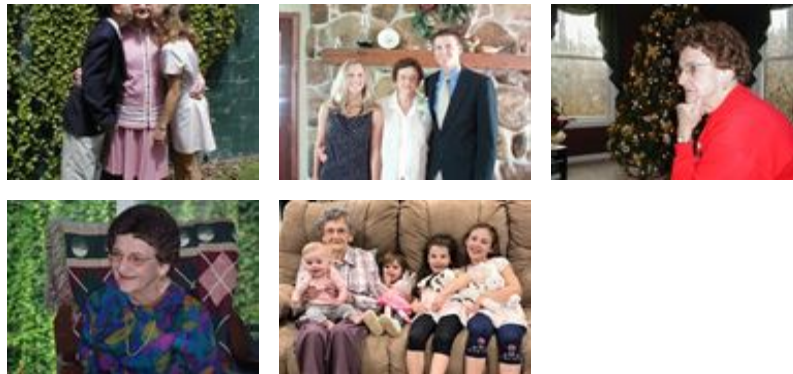
“ Nancy, Rich & the Lataitis Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Bessie Headrick Eble.



Nancy, Rich & the Lataitis Family - October 20, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - October 20, 2022 at 01:01 PM

NL

What a beautiful tribute video! having Aunt Bess as my aunt was an absolute treat. Daily commentary about the events of the day, with her infamous sense of humor and honesty, were times to treasure. Stories of Bess growing up with my Mom in Oakdale were the best. She treasured her family, her students, her dear church and working crossword puzzles. May we all be so blessed to live such a long and rich life and touch the lives of as many as she did. We will miss her!

Nancy Broady Lataitis - October 20, 2022 at 03:03 PM

DH

“ Jay and family,so sorry for your great loss.
Thinking of you in this difficult time.



Donnie Henry - October 20, 2022 at 12:04 PM

AS

“ Alan Swicegood lit a candle in memory of
Bessie Headrick Eble



Alan Swicegood - October 20, 2022 at 10:34 AM

TK

“ Kind, funny, a true teacher and a lady of impeccable character.
Unknown at the time she taught me a skill I have used all my life-
typing of all things! But more importantly she taught her students
hard work and integrity. The family is in my prayers.

Tommy Kilby - October 19, 2022 at 09:37 PM

MM

“ I had Mrs. Bessie every day in high school for some class. She was my favorite teacher and I was one of her favorite students. She was always fun, laughing, telling stories from the past. She helped make high school enjoyable for me, and she was always a blessing. Prayers for the family in there loss.

Monica Marshall - October 19, 2022 at 08:01 PM

DH

“ I can't even think about how many young lives Mrs Bessie touched. Such a wonderful teacher, mentor, Christian. She will be always in my heart. I am so blessed to have had her as a teacher. Condolences to all her loved ones, students & friends.

Debbie Holder - October 19, 2022 at 07:00 PM

TY

“ Loved Bessie. She was a great teacher and a wonderful influence for many, many students. Prayers for Jay, Edie, and their families.

Tina Young - October 19, 2022 at 06:31 PM

DR

“ The most beautiful lady and best of all time teachers. I never heard her say a negative thing to anyone or about anyone. Her way of disciplining was to complement and encourage. Many beautiful memories with this wonderful lady. What an amazing influence she was to so many who had the privilege to pass through her classroom.

Deborah Land Rice - October 19, 2022 at 05:09 PM

CS

“ *She was one of my favorite teachers. She was a great lady to be around. A great person to confide in. Loved all of Mrs. Ebles classes. I am sure she will be missed. Prayers for the family*

Carol Jean Smith Scoggins - October 19, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *She was a great teacher, a wonderful lady and always kept me on my toes. Praying for comfort for the family.*

Lavanna Miles - October 19, 2022 at 03:25 PM

SB

Bess was on my heart a few short days ago. I should have picked up the phone then, but I thought, no, I'll call her on her birthday. I'm going to miss her so much. She wasn't just my school teacher, she was my friend! So thankful for her testimony and knowing that she is in a much better place. Jay and Edie, you and your families are in my prayers.

Shawna Branson - October 20, 2022 at 04:24 PM