



Blanche Wilma Huddleston Davis

February 2, 1924 - April 27, 2012

Blanche Wilma Huddleston Davis of Harriman, Tennessee, age 88, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2012.

For the many friends and family of our mother, its time we gather to say goodbye to a beautiful mother, loving wife, and fantastic biscuit-making Grandma.

As many know, Mom has been in failing health recently. Today, though, she is better, joining her heavenly family and friends who have gone before and are now welcoming her with open arms. Mom fought hard, always did. But in the end, God said it was time. Having recently celebrated her 88th birthday in February, her health was not well, but her spirit was alive and welcoming. As with anyone up in years, her heart had grown tired and her physical abilities were limited. But, her mind remained strong, and she often gave us direction while saying a prayer for our families.

Born February 2, 1924, in Wilder, Tennessee, to Horace Wilburn and Pernina Lucinda (Lou) Wright Huddleston, Mom was the 8th of 10 children. Her brothers and sisters include Thelma Huddleston Russell, Delta Huddleston Abston, Wayne C. Huddleston, Ward Wright Huddleston, Gladys Huddleston Wilson, Howard Wilburn Huddleston, Ralph Morrison Huddleston, Lawrence Paul Huddleston and Bonnie Huddleston Scarborough.

Mom spent nearly everyday from 1928 to today in Harriman and around Roane County, as this was her home. Her first job was as an usher in the Princess and Webbo Theaters in Harriman, which was followed by serving as a clerk at Miller and Brewer Department Store keeping the shelves neat then moving into the back office to run the books. She then worked as an accountant for the Clinton Engineering Works in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. There she met and then married Charles Elmer (Charlie) Davis in April 1946, who just so happens to be saving her a seat in the choir above. For a time they ran the Charles Davis Independent Insurance Agency in Harriman. After retiring, they spent countless hours together traveling the country to see friends and family, providing advice to their kids, worshipping at church, and ushering UT basketball games and concerts.

More than anything Mom loved and cared about her family, many friends, and fellow church members at Trenton Street Baptist Church, where she was a life long member. Later in life she struggled, but she never worried about her next step. So don't you either.

As a family, we would like to say thank you for your support and friendship of our Mom, especially from her church and close friends over these last several years and especially the last few days. The outpouring of love for her, and us, has been humbling to our family; and we are exceeding grateful.

Mom is survived by her three sons, James David (Denise) Davis of Clinton, John E. (Dawne) Davis of Eagleville, and Joseph Huddleston (Melanie) Davis of Alexandria, Virginia and her sister Bonnie Huddleston Scarborough. She has 5 grandkids and 1 great grandson, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She does, as we do now, appreciate your prayers and continued support of

her as we transition our families through this phase of her life. But, don't cry for Mom. Celebrate her life and say a pray for your family. When you hang up the phone or send an email (she never really liked that by the way) say "God Bless You," because that's how Mom would have liked it done.

So, to bring this chapter in her life to a close many of you know that Mom loved parties and would have wanted a big gathering. The family will receive family, friends, and neighbors at Trenton Street Baptist Church in Harriman, TN from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 29, followed immediately by her funeral service at the church. A graveside burial at New Fairview Baptist Church in Oliver Springs, Tennessee will follow the service. Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, give a little extra in the offering plate or to the University of Tennessee to support the Pat Summitt Foundation Fund, the Lady Vols, and her extended family at UT. Mom would have liked that. And she wanted us to tell you, may God Bless You.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Jim,

I was so sorry to hear about you Mom passing. I am praying for you and your family. Your Mom was such a special lady and such a sweet blessing, especially to me. She always had a big smile and a hug when we met. She will definitely be missed and those hugs are definitely not replaceable.

Jeannie B.

Jeannie Sexton Branum - Harriman, TN - Friend - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Jim, John and Joe,
My mother , Mildred McGuffin Taylor is a life long friend of Blanche .
They went to school together, met with other schoolmates for lunch,
supported each other through deaths and trials. When my family
arrived at my younger brother's funeral on a blistering hot June
morning..there sat Blanche and Irene Whitson on the hill above
Harriman by his grave, waiting on my mother.
When my daughters played high school basketball, they often would
look into the stands and see Blanche and their Nanny sitting
together in the stands rooting for them (and a favorite referee :0)
The first place that any of our family ever ate tacos was at your
house at a gathering of the Whitsons, Davises and Taylors.
My mom had a slight stroke 6 weeks ago..therefore she wasn't at
the funeral. But she grieves for the loss of her friend and we all
rejoice that Blanche is free of all that encumbered her in these last
few years . We look forward to meeting her at the Pearly gate,
where she will no doubt be greeting and handing out programs .
May the Comforter be always at your side over these next weeks
and months.

Martha Ellen Taylor Farley for Mildred McGuffin Taylor

Martha Taylor Farley - Lenoir City, TN - friend - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Jim, John, Joe,

Your mom was a very special person. She always kept us informed how all our cousins were doing. We will miss her but we know she is happy and well now.

Sorry we will not be able to attend her celebration of life today. Our prayers are with you and we love you all.

*Cousins,
Tootie & Bob
Charlene & Bill*

Tootie Cross - Byrdstown, TN - cousin - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Jim , John & Joe

*We wish we could be there with you'll on Sunday.
We loved Aunt Blanche and will miss her very much.
We will thinking of you'll on Sunday. Give everybody
our love. You'll are in our prayers*

*Love you'll
Barbara & Bill*

Barbara & Bill Brooks - Paulden, AZ - Niece - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Ms. Blanche was a special lady. Sorry for your loss but know that all is well.*

Kathy Parks - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ JIM, JOHN AND JOE,
I AM INDEED SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF YOUR DEAR MOM;
BUT I KNOW THAT YOUR DAD, CHARLIE, AND MY MOTHER
AND DAD, BAXTER AND LYDA JONES, WILL BE THERE TO
WELCOME HER INTO ETERNAL HEAVEN WITH OPEN ARMS. A
CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE IS CERTAINLY IN ORDER, AND I
HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REMEMBER HER THAT WAY
AS WE DID WHEN MOTHER PASSED ON OVER 5 YEARS AGO.
MY DAUGHTER, MICHELE AND I GOT TO SPEND ABOUT AN
HOUR WITH HER ON FATHER'S DAY IN 2010. WE HAD DRIVEN
TO HARRIMAN TO SPEND THE DAY TOGETHER AND DROVE
BY THE HOUSE WHERE I GREW UP NEXT TO YOU GUYS. WE
SAW YOUR MOM SITTING IN THE CARPORT READING A
NEWSPAPER AND JUST HAD TO STOP AND SEE HER. SHE WAS
THRILLED TO SEE US AND WE WERE HER. IT WAS A GOOD
DAY!! I CAN'T MAKE IT UP TO HARRIMAN THIS WEEKEND, BUT
KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS. AS YOUR MOM WOULD SAY.....AND MAY GOD
BLESS YOU!!!
MICKEY

MICKEY JONES - GOODLETTSVILLE, TN - EX NEIGHBOR - April 27, 2012 at
12:00 AM

MF

“ Jim, John, & Joe,

My heart, thoughts and prayers are with all of you right now, but I know your mom is happy! I am so thankful that my grandparents lived next to you all when I was growing up. The summers I spent with Baxter and Lyda Jones as well as Mr. Charles and Ms. Blanche were some of my favorites! I remember playing either in the chicken house or at Ms. Blanche's with Joe while I was there. We always had so much fun! Ms. Blanche or Mamaw would give us drinks and popcicles to keep us cool and Mr. Charles would sometimes come out and play with us! Those times will always be close to my heart! Joe, you were like the big brother I never had! Always trying to keep me occupied and out of trouble! I was blessed enough to see Ms. Blanche again on Father's Day 2010 when my dad, Mickey Jones and I drove to Harriman to spend the day together. We decided to go by the old house where he and I grew up and just happened to see Ms. Blanche sitting on her carport reading her newspaper as usual! Had I known that I would never see her again, I would have given her another hug because she always had the best one's (besides my mamaw!) Ms. Blanche was like another Grandmother to me and I will never forget her kindness to me all those years! I hope to see you all again on Sunday, but I can't promise I can make it. If I don't, please know that I will be thinking of you all that day! Please give your mom one last kiss from me too if I don't make it and ask her to give one to Mr. Charles for me too!!!! Love you all like brothers! Thanks for helping make my childhood memorable!!!

Love,
Michele Jones - Belcher

P.S. You can find me on facebook if you want to keep in touch! I would love to do that! Hope to see you all again soon!

Michele Jones-Belcher - Smyrna, TN - Family Friend - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM