



Clara June Hitson

June 16, 1942 - July 5, 2015

Clara June (Allmon) Hitson, age 73, of Sweetwater, died July 5, 2015, after a courageous, one-year battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by father and mother Robert and Helen Allmon and sisters Bobbie Jean Allmon and Patsy Allmon Presswood.

She is survived by husband of 54 years Charles A. Hitson; daughters and sons-in-law Macy and Tom Foster, Beth and Derek Keeney, and Jill and Tony Harris; sons and daughters-in-law Robin and Mandy Hitson, and Brian and Mary Helen Hitson; grandchildren Jed Foster; Daniel, Luke, and Tyler Keeney; Will, Alex, and Riley Harris; Abbey Hitson; and Sophie and Romy Hitson; and sister Peggy Allmon Hill.

She is defined not by the way she died but by the way she lived her 73 years – a full life, a life of love for Charlie, her 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and many dear friends and professional colleagues. As a young woman, she was an outstanding athlete, playing basketball at Loudon High School and competitive softball as a pitcher and clean-up hitter well into her 40s. She was offered a softball scholarship to Hiwassee College at the age of 40 and passed her athletic genes to her daughters who played collegiate softball and basketball.

As a young mother of five kids, she was incredibly resourceful and talented – seamstress, barber, farmer, chef, and coach, while balancing her career and thousands of sports, music, and academic practices, games, and events, and still getting everyone to church on Sundays.

Professionally, she was also remarkably accomplished, driven by her boundless energy and a lifelong commitment to learning. In her early 30s, she was introduced and mentored in the world of law enforcement and emergency response by Monroe County Sheriff Max Beamer and as a dispatcher at the Sweetwater Police Department. In 1991, she became Monroe County's first E-911 Director, and with the support of E-911 Board Chairman Dr. Boyd Curtis, other board members, and dedicated staff and employees, she led development of a highly-respected, professional E-911 center serving and saving thousands of Monroe County citizens in her 24 years as Director.

She was a Christian woman of faith, a member of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, TN. With Charlie as her lifelong love, her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy; she wanted to stay longer with us here. We are even prouder of you – wife, mother, and grandmother. Your love and energy live in all of us.

The family will receive friends from 4-7pm on Friday, July 10, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, with funeral service immediately following. Reverends Charles Fritts and Brian Courtney officiating. A private burial will take place on Saturday, July 11, 2015. Memorials may be made to the Parking Lot Fund at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, TN. Kyker Funeral Homes of Sweetwater, TN, is in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Philadelphia

Funeral Service

JUL **10**. 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Philadelphia

Tribute Wall

NF

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Nikki Frye - July 10, 2015 at 03:10 PM

NH

“ *Please accept our heartfelt condolences that we hope will help you through this difficult time.*

Nick and Christy Hershman - July 10, 2015 at 03:08 PM

SD

“ *Thinking of you at this most difficult time. You have my deepest condolences.*

Shannon & Ryan Davidson - July 10, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara June Hitson.*



July 10, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara June Hitson.*



July 09, 2015 at 11:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara June Hitson.*



July 08, 2015 at 07:37 PM



“ *I have known Clara for nearly all of my 20 years in E-911. She was a true professional and I considered her my friend.*

Darrell Roddy, ENP - July 08, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara June Hitson.*



July 08, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ *Thanks for her service to Monroe County. Sorry for this loss to the family.*

Barry Self - July 08, 2015 at 05:04 PM

TG

“ Charlie,

I was so sorry to hear of Clara's passing....she was such a special person...I will always remember her and the fun we had when we played ball together....she was the best and such an inspiration to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.....she will always have a special place in my heart....you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers....God bless you....He will see you through..

*Sincerely,
Teresa (Nix) Garrett*

Teresa (Nix) Garrett - July 08, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Clara June Hitson.*



July 08, 2015 at 02:04 PM

YW

“ *Yvette Wallus purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Clara June Hitson.*



Yvette Wallus - July 08, 2015 at 12:59 PM

CD

“ I remember very well Charlie and I being ordained as deacons at Glenlock Baptist Church, and both Clara June and Frances were expecting babies. Good memories of a wonderful couple.

Clayton Dunsmore - July 08, 2015 at 07:57 AM

DM

“ I am sad to lose a good neighbor. You are in my prayers.

Doris Martin - July 08, 2015 at 07:34 AM

MF

“ Mark Martin & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clara June Hitson.



Mark Martin & Family - July 07, 2015 at 02:48 PM

DK

“ Dale And Dottie Keeney lit a candle in memory of Clara June Hitson



Dale and Dottie Keeney - July 07, 2015 at 02:16 PM

VB

“ When I think of women of strength, this woman is it! You will surely be missed Clara!!! You have been and always will be an inspiration to me!

Valerie Breeden Boyd - July 07, 2015 at 11:08 AM

MM

“ Brian, my thoughts and prayers go out to you, and your entire family. Let us know if we can do anything for you.

Mark Medley

Mark Medley - July 07, 2015 at 09:59 AM

SM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Hitson family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Susan Morris

Susan Morris - July 07, 2015 at 09:21 AM

HC

“ Hilah Cummings lit a candle in memory of Clara June Hitson



Hilah Cummings - July 06, 2015 at 11:27 PM

HC

R.I.P. Prayers for the family.

Hilah Cummings - July 06, 2015 at 11:28 PM

ST

“ Shelby Tuck lit a candle in memory of Clara June Hitson



shelby tuck - July 06, 2015 at 11:00 PM

ST

Family sorry for your loss

shelby tuck - July 06, 2015 at 11:03 PM

DD

“ *Clara was one of my favorite neighbors. She would always stop & talk to me when I was outside working. We always gave each other advice on what we were growing. She was a joy to talk with, always smiling, and so friendly. She will be truly missed in our neighborhood.*

Debbie Devine - July 06, 2015 at 03:18 PM