



Darleen R. Trent

February 2, 1950 - December 24, 2017

Darleen R. Trent age 67 of Kingston, passed away December 24, 2017 at Sweetwater Hospital after a three and half month battle with ovarian cancer. She was preceded in death by George “granddaddy” and Essie Mae “little granny” Gramling, father Ray Byrd, mother Lucille Merrill and brother Howard “Butch” Byrd. Barry and Darleen met and married in Thonotosassa, Florida and moved to Kingston in 1972. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church and found great comfort in her Bible. She developed an avid interest in genealogy and worked as a CL Assistant as a Roane County Archivist. She had a passion for the Roane County Courthouse and worked passionately to see it restored and preserved as an asset to the county. She was a member of the Daughters of The American Revolution and the American Genealogical Society. Her love of dogs knew no bounds and she loved and cared for them, sick or sound, they were a big part of her life, many stories can be told.

She is survived by husband Barry.

Son Bret.

Son Michael and daughter in law Tammy.

Grandson Alex.

Granddaughter Ashlin.

Sisters Mary Pippin and Rachael Alvis.

Sister in law Edna Byrd.

Several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 4 until 6pm Thursday, December 28, 2017 at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston. A memorial service will immediately follow in the chapel with the Rev. Tom Robins officiating. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may made to the Roane County Heritage Commission

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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“ *There are few major influences in a young boys' life, especially growing up in the late 70's - early 80's in Roane County, TN.*

Darleen was one of mine. She welcomed me in, fed me, and did her level best to keep me on the right track as her son Bret and I found our voice and passions.

But, it wasn't just me. I can think of a dozen young men (and, women) she somehow found the energy to corral and direct, keeping her door on Ridgecrest swinging.

Thirty years later, I still talked to her on facebook, and she apparently followed my career, calling me her 'adopted son', something I will cherish for the rest of my days. I had no clue she was so ill - she didn't share that with me, and I truly regret not being there more.

I'll never forget the person you were, and the kindness and generosity you exhibited to an entire generation of wayward children. God got Himself an incredible lady, and our world is darker for your passing. I will always love you, and I miss you terribly already.

With deepest respect, and sorrow towards the surviving family,

Shawn Hughes

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