



Martha Briggs

June 23, 1923 - March 17, 2012

Martha "Louise" Turpin Briggs, 88, of Panama City FL, previously of Harriman TN, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Emerald Shores Rehab Center. Louise was born June 23, 1923 in South Harriman, TN, daughter of the late John and Mary Jane Turpin. She was a remarkable woman and wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. Louise cherished her family and friends, and before her illness, enjoyed golf, fishing, gardening and carpentry. She endured the ravages of Alzheimer's more than 12 years with dignity and courage. Louise is survived by daughter and son-in-law Karen Briggs and Jeff Lane of Blaine, TN, six grandchildren, Shane (Stephanie) Weaver of Corryton TN, Amanda (Sam) Hensley, Suzanne (Jeff) Inman, Logan (Sarah) Weaver, all of Knoxville, TN, Zachary Lane and Anthony Lane of Blaine, TN. Also survived by seven great-grandchildren, Kaison, Malea, Mason, Ella, Delaney, Blaine and Emmett, with another on the way. Survived by dear sister Ada Turpin Byrd of Clinton TN. Also survived by many special nieces and nephews that were precious to her. Louise is preceded in death by husband of 56 years, Houk "Nelson" Briggs, sisters Edith (Harold) England, Grace Kelly, Erma Turpin, and brother Homer Turpin, brother-in-law Ernest Byrd, brother-in-law and sister-in-law James and Mary Briggs, father-in-law and mother-in-law Houk and Mary Lena Briggs and nephews Doug and Dale Briggs. The family will receive friends from 1-2 pm on Thursday March 22nd at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman with graveside service and burial to follow at Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood, TN. In lieu of flowers, memorials may

be made to the E. TN Alzheimer's Association or to the charitable organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Amanda,

My heart is with you and your family. I have heard a lot about your grandmother from you and she was a most unique individual. Often the most valuable lessons we learn in life are from listening to our grandparents. Cherish those memories and share your thoughts about your grandmother with your siblings and your Mom.

I pray that you have God's grace to see you and you family through this most difficult time. Much love to you, Sam, and Kaison.

Brenda

Brenda Bice - Clinton, TN - Amanda Hensley's friend - March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Nelson, Louise and Karen were some of our very dearest friends years ago in Manassas, VA. I enjoy wonderful memories of so many special times together. God's richest blessings and comfort to all of the family.

*Love,
Donna*

Donna Space - Corryton, TN - friend and family - March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Karen and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. May you all find comfort in knowing you will be reunited one day, and until then, just hold on to the great memories. You are like family to us, so we will certainly be thinking of you and your family during this time of great loss.

Wanda Abbott - Knoxville, TN - March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *She knew how to make you laugh even if it was at your own expense. Her quick wit and confidence were contagious. You always knew what was on her mind and what was in her heart. She was so dear to me, and many others. Until we meet again...I love you.*

Amanda Weaver Hensley - Knoxville, TN - Granddaughter - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Amanda, I will be praying for comfort for you and your family through this difficult time.*

Paula

Paula McQueen - Clinton, TN - Friend - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Our fondest memories and best lessons often come from our grandparents. My prayers and condolences for the family as you mourn the loss and celebrate the life of Mrs. Briggs.*

Chip Sisk - Mocksville, NC - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Amanda, take a moment and think of all the pearls of wisdom your grandmother passed on to you over the years. Celebrate her life by remembering all the good times with family & friends. May God rest her soul in peace.*

Tim & Denna Lennon

Tim & Denna Lennon - Knoxville, TN - Friend - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Amanda, I am sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Stacey Nelson - Clinton, TN - Friend - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Karen sorry to hear about your mother. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Jerry Campbell - Knoxville, TN - Friend of daughter - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Ed and I, Betty Wright Jenkins have good memories of Louise as one that always had a smile and a greeting. And Nelson, the same. I grew up in South Harriman Baptist Church and Louise was always there, as was Nelson, when he movee back to the area and they were married. Louise was a very special person and I cherish her friendship. Please accept our condolences in your loss.

Betty W.Jenkins - Dunedin, FL - Lifelong friend - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM