



## Martha Underwood

January 12, 1936 - January 28, 2021

Martha Lee Tesseneer Underwood, 85, of Kingston, TN, passed away on January 28, 2020 in Kingston, TN.

Funeral services will not be held at this time due to the virus. Martha will be buried at Kingston Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston, TN.

Martha was born in Dennis, MS to James and Evie (Harris) Tesseneer on January 12, 1936. She went to school in Tishomingo, MS. She married Harold Underwood on December 20th, 1954. They were high school sweethearts. She worked as a technical librarian for ORNL. She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Kingston, TN.

Martha loved her family and was a devoted mother to her four children and "Mimi" to her 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She had many hobbies and interests and was very gifted with her China painting after her retirement. She spent the years after retirement from ORNL travelling with her husband and friends, gardening, China painting, and spending time with her grandchildren. She got to visit Spain, Hawaii, Mexico, Alaska, Bali, Ireland, and Switzerland. She was always happiest at home in beautiful Kingston, TN.

Martha is preceded in death by her parents James and Evie Tesseneer, of Dennis, MS and her brother, Cullen Tesseneer, of Belmont, MS.

Martha is survived by her husband of 66 years, Dr. Harold Lee Underwood, her 5 brothers – Sidney Athern Tesseneer, wife Williedean, James W.

Tesseneer, Howard Tesseneer, wife Carolyn, Dwight Tesseneer, wife Patricia,

and David Tesseneer. Her children - Anita Underwood Richmond and her husband, Roger, of Kingston, TN, Roger Underwood and his wife, Teresa, of Ozone, TN, Greg Underwood and his wife, Abby, of Fayetteville, TN and Lynn Underwood Loomis of Austin, TX. Her grandchildren – Emily Underwood Binger, husband Tracy, Dylan Underwood, Jesse Richmond, wife Samantha, Chelsea Richmond Shirk, husband Chris, John Richmond, Josh Underwood, Keri Underwood, Audrey Loomis, Andrew Loomis and Helena Loomis. Four great-grandchildren – Trenton Binger, Ryder Binger, Delaney Binger and Eleanor Richmond.

Memorials may be given to Kingston Lion's Club or St. Jude's Children's hospital.

Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Underwood Family. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Harold: We were saddened to hear of Martha's passing. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and the family. It seems like only yesterday when we all packed up together in Auburn and headed out for a new adventure in Tennessee. Martha was such an inspiration then and a source of strength during our times together. We dearly loved her and all of you. With Heartfelt Sympathy. Carroll and Jo Marsalis

Carroll and Jo Marsalis - February 07, 2021 at 04:32 PM



Thank you for your kind words. We will miss her.

Greg Underwood - February 07, 2021 at 11:22 PM

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Lynn Underwood Loomis - February 03, 2021 at 10:58 PM

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“ Mom really loved babies and elderly people. I know I inherited this from her!

Lynn Underwood Loomis - February 03, 2021 at 10:54 PM

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“ Mom loved Christmas! She loved giving gifts and decorating. I think she got more excited about the holiday than we did!



Lynn Underwood Loomis - February 03, 2021 at 10:53 PM

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“ Mom made us biscuits from scratch every morning of our childhoods! They were the best. My favorite evenings during childhood were when she would make popcorn in her pressure cooker or roast peanuts in the oven and then we would all watch TV together while we snacked.

Lynn Underwood Loomis - February 03, 2021 at 10:51 PM

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“ Dr. Underwood and family,

*I always enjoyed seeing you and Martha at RSCC get-togethers. She was a wonderful person who will be greatly missed. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Dr. Myra Peavyhouse - February 03, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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*Dr. Underwood,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to you and your family. You were always one of my favorite people during our years at Roane State, and the couple of times I had the opportunity to be around Mrs. Martha I found her to be so kind and friendly. Condolences to you and your children.  
Kathy Long Snipes*

Kathy Long Snipes - February 03, 2021 at 05:22 PM



*Thank you so much!*

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**Greg Underwood** - February 04, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ *My Mom really loved working in the flower beds and landscaping around their lakeside home. It was always beautiful all year but especially in the spring.*



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**Greg Underwood** - February 02, 2021 at 07:34 PM