



Polly Ruth May

November 3, 1939 - October 25, 2020

Polly Ruth May, age 80, was born November 3rd, 1939 in Jellico, TN. She passed away Sunday morning, October 25, 2020. She lived in Kingston, TN with her Husband Charles May. Polly was preceded in death by her parents Clinton and Millie McGill of Morristown, sisters Ollie Holston, Joanne Meek, and Margret Jenks, and her brother Billy Joe McGill. She is survived by her husband of 55 years Charles May, her son and daughter-in-law Jacob and Angela May, grandchildren Eli and Thomas May of Kingston, her brother Jim McGill of Knoxville, and several very special nieces and nephews.

Polly May was a loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother, and a wonderful friend to many. From her nurses and caretakers to her hairdresser she was loved and admired by everyone that knew her.

She graduated from Morristown High School in 1959 and attended nursing school at Fort Sanders Presbyterian School of Nursing graduating in 1962 as an RN. Later she attended Maryville College to obtain her B.A. Degree in 1987.

She worked at various hospitals, Morristown Hamblen Hospital, Oak Ridge Hospital, Harriman Hospital, Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, AL. In the spring of 1988, she suffered a stroke which left her partially paralyzed, but she continued to work as a Nursing Instructor at the Tennessee Technology

Center in Harriman, TN until her retirement in 2003. It wasn't uncommon to find several of her students at her house studying during the week as she was as devoted to them as they were to her.

In 2011 she became wheelchair-bound, but she was a woman of deep Faith, reading her Bible every day and sharing her faith with everyone she encountered. It was a very common occurrence to find her studying the Bible with family and friends daily in her own home. When able she attended the Kingston Church of Christ.

The Graveside service will be held at Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood, TN on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Because of concerns due to Covid-19 we are asking everyone to practice social distancing and wear a mask if able.

Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston oversees all the arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roane Memorial Gardens
1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Tribute Wall

EY

“ Elizabeth Young lit a candle in memory of Polly Ruth May



Elizabeth Young - November 04, 2020 at 04:38 PM

GD

“ You will forever be in my heart I was very blessed to have gotten to know you and Charles you always brighten my day with your stories and your caring heart , love you MS Polly



gail Diebel - October 31, 2020 at 04:20 PM

PA

*Jake and family
Sad for loss of your mom and now your dad. Ms May was one of my favorite instructors , she was loved by all her students. Prayers to your family at this hard time.*

Peggy Abbott - November 04, 2020 at 09:11 PM

SR

“ Miss May, as we called you in school, what a great teacher you were to me. You were understanding and caring and went out of your way to make sure your students succeeded in becoming the best nurses we could be, and we did just that.
In the 26 years I have been a nurse, I have thought about you often and how much I appreciated you not just as my teacher but as my mentor. How I cried when I saw your obituary in the paper today. I know now you are in a better place with God.
Sue Ruffi, Class of 1994

SUE RUFFI - October 30, 2020 at 10:57 AM

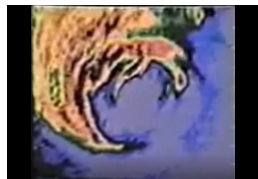
BS

“ Loved working with her she was one instructor for both my daughters LPN they remember getting hair pulled with love God Bless all

Brenda M Satterfield - October 30, 2020 at 09:23 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Video



Jacob May - October 30, 2020 at 12:11 AM

JW

“ It has been my privilege to be Polly's niece. I hold many beautiful memories in my heart that we've shared together. You will be greatly missed but I do take comfort in knowing we will meet again.

Joy Wolfenbarger - October 29, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JA

“ A wonderful nurse teacher instructor and made me always feel like I was more than just a nursing student but a friend or even family ,after 23 yrs since graduating I still use things she taught me back then in everyday life now . Thank you mrs May for everything you taught me you were an angel here on earth and without a doubt an angel in heaven 🙏

Jeffrey Abbott - October 28, 2020 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ I am one of the most blessed people to have had the experience and pleasure of being your son. I needed you much more than deserved you. I am forever in your debt. Thank you, especially these last three years.”

Jacob May - October 28, 2020 at 06:57 AM

AC

“ Ms May was the such an inspiration. Wonderful instructor and friend. You could have had dirty shoes (joking) but those shoe strings had better have been clean. Loved her. Heaven gained another angel.

Aleta Clark - October 28, 2020 at 05:59 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Polly Ruth May.



October 27, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ *Ms May, where do I start! You were an amazing lady, nurse and friend! You thought me more then just nursing. You will be missed and we lost amazing friend, but Heaven gained An angel !! RIP Ms.May!! Michele crowe*

Michele Bledsoe - October 27, 2020 at 05:48 PM

LM

“ *Wonderful friend, mentor, nurse, and overall woman.*

lavanna miles - October 27, 2020 at 04:26 PM