



Rebecca Ann Brooksbank Day

December 29, 2011

Rebecca Ann Brooksbank Day, of Kingston, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, December 29, 2011. She was born September 7, 1950, in Millinocket, Maine, to the late Robert Edwin and Carolyn Brooksbank. She married Robert Day on September 4, 1971. They were happily married for over 40 years. Mrs. Day attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and received a Bachelors in Education. She taught math and science at Cherokee Middle School in Kingston for over 30 years and was one of the founding commissioners of the AYSO soccer league in Kingston. Mrs. Day was a juored member of the Appalachian Craft Guild and after retiring from teaching, she pursued her hobbies of knitting and needlework and was an accomplished weaver.

Mrs. Day's family includes her husband of 41 years, Robert Day; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Virginia Prater Day of Knoxville, Jonathan Day of Kingston, and Michael and Courtney Day of Kingston; mother-in-law, Lelia Day, three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert Edwin Jr. and Lisa Cox Brooksbank of Cookeville, Richard Dodd and Donna Tedder Brooksbank of Kingston, and Roger Alan and Darlina Pesterfield Brooksbank of Lenoir City; one sister and brother-in-law, Beth Lynn and Kent Adcox of Kingston. Her first grandson, Charlie Lawrence Day, is expected in April to Michael and Courtney Day.

Memorial service for Mrs. Day will be 7:30pm Friday December 30, 2011 in the Kyker Chapel with Rev. Jody McLoud officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society by calling 1-800-227-2345. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7:30pm Friday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Tribute Wall

SO

“ I am truly saddened by Becky's death. Becky was more than a friend; she was an amazing person. She was always so genuinely kind, considerate and cheerful that I welcomed seeing her at every opportunity. I know Becky dearly loved her family, friends, students and I'm sure many others. She honestly cared in that special way that warms the heart and soul. In fact, Becky's honesty and integrity were admirable. I trusted her. She was always encouraging, helpful, fair and incapable of hidden agendas or grudges. Her heart was forgiving and spirit outgoing. Becky was an optimist by nature. She applied her positive attitude and kindness to focus on the good in people and situations; it was easy to know and love Becky.

I will never forget all the wonderful times we spent growing up together. Becky was always up for an interesting challenge or new adventure and reduced any stress with her winning spirit, sunny attitude and contagious laugh. Looking back, I don't know how we managed all the rotating slumber parties, study sessions, home chores, part-time jobs, dances, special events, impromptu gatherings, band practice, majorette camps, football games and school activities without computers, iPads or smart phones, but we did...and loved every minute, even the studying. We were a busy bunch of kids and didn't have time to even think about getting into trouble. Few even dared.

The Brooksbank home created some very special memories for me and defined the person Becky was. It was a robust, interesting and enlightening place to visit during the 60's. Becky's younger siblings were buzzing around everywhere doing what kids do. Her parents thrived on all the young energy and activity. Like Becky, they were also amazing. As busy as they were, they always welcomed our crowd, took care of everyone's needs and were genuinely interested in everything going on. They didn't just check on this multitude of kids; they blended right in and participated! And enjoyed it! Mr. Brooksbank would jump in our study sessions and encourage some mental stretching. Mrs. Brooksbank kept the food and laughter rolling, hung out with us at the slumber parties, listened to our typical teenage stores and shared a few of her own.

They happily took us all in stride as they moved seamlessly throughout the house paying this level of attention to what seemed to be wall-to-wall kids of all ages. It was easy to see where Becky's terrific personality and good nature came from. It runs in the family. Oh, those really were the days!

Becky's passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of everyone who knew her. I am thankful for her friendship. It was my privilege. Becky enriched my life. She was a shining example of a truly good person. I will miss her and cherish the wonderful memories.

I deeply regret learning of Becky's death after her Memorial Service. I would have been there. Please know how much I share your grief. It is a sad time for all of us. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With deepest sympathy and fondest memories,
Sherry Oran*

Sherry Oran - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Our condolences to all the family for your loss. She was a great lady, taken much too soon. Don and Una Coffman*

A friend - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers. Becky was an outstanding and dedicated teacher. She was always careful and accurate with everything she did, and yet with the most loving care. She will be greatly missed. We pray that God will give you comfort and strength in these days.*

George and Margie Wadlington

Margie and George Wadlington - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Bobby, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Curt Cochran - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ May Mrs. Day forever R.I.P. She was a great woman taken much too soon. Many thoughts and prayers are with her family during this very difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.

Rachel Story (Baird) - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Bobby, so sorry for your loss. I am sure you will miss Becky very much. It certainly seems that you two have a wonderful family. Hold on to each other during this time of sorry and remembrance.

Sincerely,
Lavonne Wyatt Sherrod

Lavonne (Wyatt) Sherrod - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ All my memories of Becky are beautiful. I feel your loss Bobby and all of my sympathies are with you. God bless and keep her in that better place we all hope for.

Jim Allen - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ All the boys had a crush on Becky. Some of my best moments in high school were brushing her hair in Mrs. Anglin's room. She was much loved and will be missed, especially by the RCHS Class of 1968. Hang in there Bobby.

Tommy Mariner - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My heart is broken. Becky was a big part of life for many years. I am so sorry, Bobby. I know how much you loved her. May you and your sons find comfort and strength in remembering how much you loved all of you.*

Martha Robertson McReynolds - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM