



## Virginia Jo Adkisson

March 11, 1928 - April 16, 2024

Virginia Jo (Tilson) Adkisson of Midtown, passed to her heavenly home on April 16, 2024. She was born March 11, 1928 at Gobey, TN and recently celebrated her 96th birthday with family at her home. She was a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church, Midtown, TN and later First Baptist Church, Kingston, TN.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Lester James Adkisson; son, Reverend Wayne Adkisson; parents, Merley and Eva Mae Tilson; and siblings, Pearl (Tilson) Pittman, Arvil Tilson; Bill Tilson, Mossie (Tilson) Steele, Dora (Tilson) Griffith, and Pauline (Tilson) Smith.

She is survived by daughters, Jayne (Bob) Averitt, Bloomington, IN; Donna (Richard) Esty, Oak Ridge, TN; daughter-in-law, Jane Adkisson, Asheville, NC; sisters, Della (Tilson) Plemons and Thelma (Tilson) Garner, Franklin, NC; two sisters-in-laws, Jewel (Bill) Davis, New Castle, IN and Beulah Copeland, Harriman, TN. Four granddaughters, Tonya (Greg) Crisp, Harriman, TN; Julie (René) Bartholomew, Charlotte, NC; Miranda (Jason) Hatch, Wartburg, TN; Beth (Tim) Fleming, Savannah, GA; Nine great-grandchildren, Quentin (Kate) Herrera, Oak Ridge, TN; Olivia Craig, Clinton, TN; Sofia, Lucas, Josef, and Colin Bartholomew, Charlotte, NC; Hunter and Rees Fleming, Savannah, GA; John Hatch, Wartburg, TN; Great-great granddaughter, Ophelia Kitzmiller, Clinton, TN; and several nieces and nephews.

In past years, she was active in her church and community activities including Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School, Girl Scout leader, and a member of the Midtown Elementary School PTA. She was also an active member of the Roane County Extension Club for several years helping to make homemade crafts for the annual Kingston Christmas Craft Fair.

Family was important and she enjoyed spending time with them. She also liked to travel, especially trips to the beach to collect seashells. Her favorite hobby was being outdoors working in her flower gardens.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the kind care-giving assistance provided by Sandy Kring, Mary Jo Kring, and Junior Sneed.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024 at Kyker's Funeral Home, Kingston, TN. Funeral service to follow with Rev. Paul Davis officiating. Interment 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Roane Memorial Gardens, Rockwood, TN.

Pallbearers: Quentin Herrera, Jason Hatch, Renē and Lucas Bartholomew, Tim Fleming, and Greg Crisp.

Honorary Pallbearers: Bob Averitt, Richard Esty, Merley Tilson and Bill Vittatoe.

In lieu of flowers, a charitable contribution may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, St Jude's Research Hospital, or the East TN Children's Hospital. The care of Virginia Jo Adkisson and her family has been entrusted to the staff of Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
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PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
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## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

APR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roane Memorial Gardens  
1400 N Gateway Ave  
Rockwood, TN 37854

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Jo Adkisson*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - April 18, 2024 at 01:49 PM

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“ *From the Hatch family in Greeneville purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia Jo Adkisson.*



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**From the Hatch family in Greeneville** - April 22, 2024 at 08:38 AM

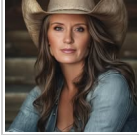
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“ *Patty and Annette McGraw purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virginia Jo Adkisson.*



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**Patty and Annette McGraw** - April 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM



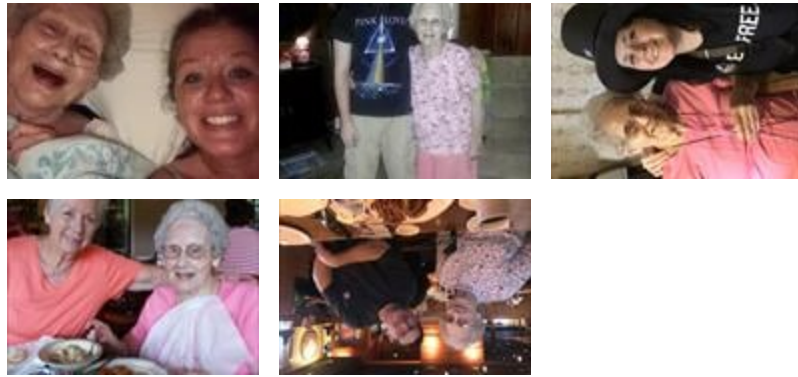
“ Tonya Dutton Crisp lit a candle in memory of Virginia Jo Adkisson



Tonya Dutton Crisp - April 19, 2024 at 10:53 PM



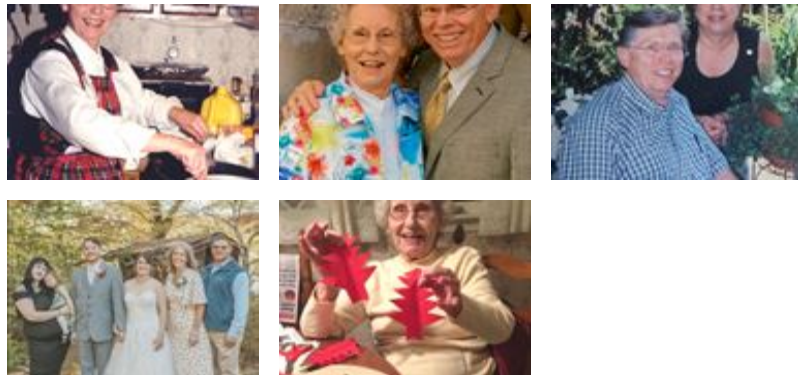
“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Tonya - April 19, 2024 at 06:20 AM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



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