



Byrne Keaton Dunn

August 1, 1932 - March 21, 2022

Betsy Byrne Keaton Dunn passed away peacefully at the family home Monday, March 21. A lifetime community leader, Mrs. Dunn was 89. As the oldest daughter of John Leroy & Ruth (Spellings) Keaton of Milan, Byrne spent her younger years cooking, sewing, and caring for her younger sisters and brother while helping at home. After her 1950 graduation from Milan High School, she worked in insurance sales. It was during this time she met the lover of her life, Hulon O. Dunn.

A marriage on January 5, 1952, bound the two for life. A few short years later, the World War II Navy Veteran and his bride learned the Lewis County Herald in Hohenwald was for sale.

Ever community-minded, they took ownership of the newspaper and print shop from Ernest Pollock in March 1956.

Hulon and Byrne were lifelong members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, serving as elders, Sunday School teachers, and she, as treasurer of the CPW (Cumberland Presbyterian Women) and a member of the choir.

In addition to service to her faith, Mrs. Dunn supported many community groups through her business and with her personal time.

She held active membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 393 for 50 years. A charter member of the Pilot Club of Hohenwald and member for more than 25 years, Mrs. Dunn devotedly raised money for brain-related issues. She was a past member of the Volkssport organization and a member of the Alpenrosli German Chorus of Hohenwald.

She volunteered her time delivering Meals on Wheels to seniors in Hohenwald for many years.

Mrs. Dunn served on a variety of local and regional boards including the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance, the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, the Lewis Health Center Community Advisory Committee, and the Lewis County Health Council.

In 1992, she was honored with the Heritage Award by the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce. In 2000, the Lewis Herald was presented the Business of the Year Award, and the same year, she was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame by the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce.

In 2009, the Chamber of Commerce recognized Mrs. Dunn with one of their highest honors, the Legend Award, making her the first female to ever receive the honor.

Byrne K. Dunn is survived by her daughter, Becky Jane Newbold; three sons, Hulon O. (Valaurie) Dunn Jr., Walton L. Dunn of Hohenwald, and Robert A. (Jessica) Dunn of Pegram; two sisters, Nancy Tucker and Elizabeth Ownby of Milan; a brother, John L. (Elaine) Keaton of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and brother-in-law, William Sherrell (Phoebe) Dunn of Augusta, Georgia.

She is survived by 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and son-in-law Charles Elliott "Shane" Newbold III.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Dunn was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, in the chapel of the McDonald Funeral Home, with burial immediately following in the Swiss Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Swiss Cemetery

281 Summertown Hwy
Hohenwald, TN 38462

Previous Events

Service

MAR 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

MAR 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - August 02, 2024 at 10:28 AM

DP

“ *Darla S. Pool lit a candle in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Darla S. Pool - April 11, 2022 at 03:21 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Chance lit a candle in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Sheila Chance - March 24, 2022 at 10:26 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Diane Harper lit a candle in memory of
Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Jerry Diane Harper - March 24, 2022 at 01:32 AM

DS

“ *Darlon Smith lit a candle in memory of Byrne
Keaton Dunn*



Darlon Smith - March 23, 2022 at 11:43 PM

JM

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the Dunn family.*



Jan Lynch Moore - March 23, 2022 at 09:56 PM

DK

“ *Jimmy and Debbie Kimble*



Debbie Kimble - March 23, 2022 at 10:26 AM

CH

“ *Connie Spiess Hensley lit a candle in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Connie Spiess Hensley - March 23, 2022 at 09:47 AM

RL

“ *Randy Lynch sent a virtual gift in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Randy lynch - March 23, 2022 at 09:24 AM

CK

“ *Cynthia Miller Kilpatrick lit a candle in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Cynthia Miller Kilpatrick - March 23, 2022 at 08:13 AM

LS

“ *Lori And Stan Smith lit a candle in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Lori and Stan Smith - March 23, 2022 at 07:39 AM

JR

“ *Jerry/Betty Risner lit a candle in memory of
Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Jerry/Betty Risner - March 23, 2022 at 12:14 AM

KM

“ *Kay Murphy lit a candle in memory of Byrne
Keaton Dunn*



Kay Murphy - March 23, 2022 at 12:01 AM

WB

“ *Wilma Bush lit a candle in memory of Byrne
Keaton Dunn*



Wilma Bush - March 22, 2022 at 10:36 PM

LD

“ *Lora Prince Danley lit a candle in memory of
Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Lora Prince Danley - March 22, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Byrne Keaton Dunn*



Betty Love - March 22, 2022 at 02:50 PM

PH

I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed our conversations and her kindness. She will be missed.

Pam Hinson - March 22, 2022 at 09:05 PM