



Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree

December 15, 1925 - April 4, 2022

Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree was born December 15, 1925 in Hickman County, Tn. to the late James A and Elizabeth Walker Jones. She was predeceased by her husband, William M Murphree Jr., her son, William M. (Bill) Murphree III, sisters, Martha Jones Baker and Elizabeth Jones Hayes, sons in law, Danny T. Bates and Sidney L. Allen.

She is survived by daughters, Barbara Murphree Bates of Waverly, Betty Murphree Allen Langley (Gene) of Humboldt and daughter in law, Jan James Murphree of Franklin, Ky.

Grandchildren: Heath T Bates (Kara), Austin M Bates (Kathy), W Justin Allen (Tracy), Blake T Allen (Heather), Katy Murphree Gides (John) and Jim Murphree.

Great grandchildren: Logann, Kendall and Aubrey Jayne Bates, Hallie, Cade, Acie, Gage and Porter Allen and several nieces and nephews.

Marietta, as she was known by her friends, was educated in Hickman County Schools graduating from HCHS in 1944. She attended David Lipscomb College and graduated from Austin Peay State University in 1971. She taught first grade at East Elementary and retired from Centerville Elementary after 26 years of service. In 1992-93, she was recognized as Hickman County Teacher

of the Year, grades K-4.

Mimi, as known by her grandchildren, attended hundreds of sporting events while following the careers of her children and grandchildren. Marietta loved to travel, never shying away from an adventure. In 1964, just three years after the passing of her young husband, she took her three children on the trip of a lifetime to New York City to the 1964 World's Fair with a travel group from Nashville. Later she traveled to Europe, either with friends or by herself.

Marietta was a talented pianist, water skier and an avid Vanderbilt Commodore fan. She remained the sole caretaker of the Murphree farm from 1972 when son, Bill, left for college until the tornado of 2008 destroyed the house and forced her to move. Marietta was an integral member of the tight knit Greys Bend community, spending many hours with the Harworth-Maddox-Murphree clan at frequent Greys Bend gatherings.

She was a member of Hickman County Retired Teachers, Delta Kappa Gamma, Hickman County Historical Society and the Centerville Church of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Hickman County Historical Society, 201 East Public Square, Centerville Tn 37033 or the Green Valley Farm Foundation (remembering the legacy of Buzz Maddox) 1116 Maddox Rd., Centerville, Tn 37033.

Her grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be in the Centerville Cemetery with McDonald Funeral Home in charge.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

APR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NA

“ *Nina Redden Adamson lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree* ”



Nina Redden Adamson - April 13, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *James Arthur (Tank) And Dana Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree* ”



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - April 12, 2022 at 02:56 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree* ”



Ronald Gammons - April 10, 2022 at 05:55 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie And Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree* ”



Lonnie and Marilyn Gilliam - April 08, 2022 at 04:54 PM

JJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mimi. She was a special lady and mother. Condolences to Barbara, Betty and all members of the family.



Joe and Penny James - April 08, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JH

“ Aunt Marietta was a kind but tough lady. She endured sad and happy times with dignity. She was so kind to Jennifer and I while we were dating. I spent some wonderful holidays at her Grays Bend home during my youth. I will always love her. Jim Hayes

Jim Hayes - April 08, 2022 at 07:47 AM

RH

“ Rita Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree



rita hayes - April 08, 2022 at 05:29 AM

TC

“ I remember Mrs. Murphree and her beehive hairdo very well. She contributed to the lives of so many Hickman County children and was a great influence.



Tatia Capley - April 07, 2022 at 10:59 PM

TU

“ *Terrie Utley lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Terrie Utley - April 07, 2022 at 09:16 PM

PA

“ *Phillip, Letitia & McKenna Allen*



Phillip, Letitia & McKenna Allen - April 07, 2022 at 06:25 PM

JH

“ *Joanie Griggs Holtsford lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Joanie Griggs Holtsford - April 07, 2022 at 06:14 PM

DJ

“ *MS Murphree was my first grade teacher. She made a big impact even then. I remember her paddling my hand with a ruler for talking in class. I actually respected her for it. I think teachers today should be able to reprimand kids more to some point. She was a great teacher. I know her family will miss her.*



Debbie Gray Jones - April 07, 2022 at 05:41 PM

BM

“ Bobby/Sandy McFarlin lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - April 07, 2022 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ Maelynn Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree



Maelynn Campbell - April 07, 2022 at 01:04 PM

SH

“ She was such a special, caring person. She was one of our foster daughter's teachers. Mrs. Murphree made Tammy feel loved. She took Tammy home with her and let her help decorate for Christmas. I have such precious memories of her.

Sarah Hinson - April 07, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ Mrs. Murphree was such a wonderful lady. I remember spending so many nights at their house in Grey's Bend with Barbara (and at the time Betty hanging around aggravating us as the younger sister). Great memories. Comfort and prayers for the family.



Beverly Fletcher - April 07, 2022 at 08:38 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Burchard Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Carolyn Burchard Bennett - April 07, 2022 at 08:31 AM

PH

“ *Paula Hay lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Paula Hay - April 06, 2022 at 12:50 PM

DC

“ *Our hearts go out to the Murphree family. She was a great lady and will be missed by all.
We pray for the entire family at this time of your loss.*

Dwight Claud - April 06, 2022 at 11:59 AM

BF

“ *Beverly (McCorpin) Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Beverly (McCorpin) Fletcher - April 06, 2022 at 10:16 AM

AL

“ *Ashleigh Love lit a candle in memory of Mary
Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Ashleigh Love - April 06, 2022 at 12:43 AM

EM

“ *Great teacher to work with. God Bless you sll*

Edwinder Myles - April 05, 2022 at 11:08 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Chance lit a candle in memory of Mary
Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Sheila Chance - April 05, 2022 at 04:22 PM

BI

“ *Brenda Isbell lit a candle in memory of Mary
Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Brenda Isbell - April 05, 2022 at 12:45 PM

MT

“ *Mark And Tina Truett lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Mark and Tina Truett - April 04, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Betty Love - April 04, 2022 at 04:54 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree*



Joyce Mayberry - April 04, 2022 at 04:53 PM