



Mildred Bratton

November 5, 1917 - August 2, 2016

Mildred Bratton passed away August 2, 2016, at age 98. She was born November 5, 1917, at Fatty Bread Branch on the Natchez Trace in Maury County, TN.

She is preceded in death by parents, Maude Church Johnston and James Meade Johnston, husband, William Arch Bratton, and brother, Maurice Church Johnston.

She is survived by daughter, Anne Bratton Trabue, grandson, Charles Clay Trabue, IV (Elizabeth), granddaughter, Elizabeth Trabue Gorham (Marty), great grandchildren, Claire Ransom Trabue, Charles Clay Trabue V, Martin Keogh Gorham, and Charles Hamilton Gorham, of Nashville, TN, sister-in-law, Jean Bratton Shepard (J.B.) of Columbia, TN, niece, Elizabeth Bratton Dixon (Jon) of Centerville, TN, as well as other beloved nieces and nephews, friends, Caregivers at Somerfield, The Heritage of Brentwood, and Guardian Hospice.

Mildred attended Maury County Schools, Cumberland University, and Nashville School of Business.

In 1936, she was the first Mule Day Queen and also Miss Maury County.

After marriage in 1940, she moved to Baltimore, MD, with her husband as he traveled with Glenn L. Martin Aircraft.

They settled in Centerville, TN, after the war and opened Bratton Motor Company.

She later partnered in a greenhouse business, Bruner~Bratton Greenhouse, growing chrysanthemums and starting the Hickman County Chrysanthemum Society and their Annual Chrysanthemum Show. Being very civic minded, she was active in the Woman's Club, the Home Demonstration Club, and the local Methodist Church serving as choir director.

Throughout her life, she was an active gardener, a Master Gardener, continued to sing with choral groups, and was always involved in the Methodist Church in Huntsville, Atlanta, and Nashville.

Millie was loved by all who knew her as a sweet, optimistic, and kind person devoted to family and friends.

A visitation will be held at the Centerville Methodist Church on Sunday, August 7, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

There will be a private Family burial service. Honorary pall bearers are Robert Otey Bratton, Roger Ladd Bratton, Jon Dixon, William Dixon, Jimmy Shepard, Toby Hyke, Harold Foster, and Steve Markwood.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Centerville Methodist Church or JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

Cemetery Details

Charles L Nickell Memorial Park

Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Centerville United Methodist Church
103 College Ave
Centerville, TN 37033

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *She always had the sweetest smile! Anne, Clay and Beth - will be holding all of you close to heart. Love, Betty Lentz*

Betty Lentz - August 06, 2016 at 05:24 PM

CM

“ *Cleopatra Ardry McCaleb lit a candle in memory of Mildred Bratton*



Cleopatra Ardry McCaleb - August 04, 2016 at 08:10 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Graves lit a candle in memory of Mildred Bratton*



Cindy Graves - August 04, 2016 at 11:32 AM

PC

“ *Pat Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mildred Bratton*



Pat Coleman - August 04, 2016 at 09:31 AM

PC

Anne, our Mothers were very special to all of us. We had the best growing up together, So sorry for the sadness of Her passing, thinking of you, Love Pat

Pat Coleman - August 04, 2016 at 09:35 AM