



Mildred Louise Bridges

April 28, 1924 - September 18, 2021

Mildred Louise Bridges, of Centerville, was born April 24, 1924, at the home of her parents, Oscar Franklin and Maud Dickson Boling, in Center Point, Chester County, Tennessee.

During the fall of 1924, her parents sold their farm in Chester County and bought another farm at Morris Chapel in Hardin County, the birthplace of her father. In 1930 her father bought a piano and Mildred (aka Biddie) learned to play and was a lifelong player. Biddie grew up in Morris Chapel and graduated from Morris Chapel High School in 1942 where she played basketball all four years.

On Christmas Eve 1943, she married the love of her life, Lloyd Grantham Bridges in Tupelo, Mississippi. They had one week together before Lloyd left for his four-year service in the Army Air Force in WW2. After Lloyd left, Mildred and her sister moved to a boarding house in downtown Nashville and she began working as a shipping clerk at the Vultee airplane factory. Once Lloyd returned from the war, they joined Mable and "Mac" McDonald in Centerville where Lloyd worked with Mac in the newly purchased funeral home. Mildred began working at Genesco where she became the floor manager over the Skyving department. After Genesco closed, she found her work home at Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative and was their receptionist for 22 years.

Life in Centerville was natural for Mildred as she attended the United Methodist Church and played the piano or organ for many years. Once it became known that she was very gifted with musical talent, she was in demand for playing at weddings and funerals in the years to come. Not having children of her own, she became a second Mother to Mable's three boys, Bill, Ken, and Bob. She was also like a grandmother to their children. Mildred was the classic southern lady who loved her family and her community, and most of all her sweet, gentle spirit was loved by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Bridges was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Lloyd Grantham Bridges, her sisters, Emily "Aunt Kenny" Wilkens and her husband Freeman, Mable McDonald and her husband W. E., and Jean Townsend and her husband Harrell, and her brothers, Howard Boling and his wife Euramae, and Sam Boling and his wife Eva Lou, and Ovid Boling and his wife Mildred.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Centerville United Methodist Church
103 College Ave
Centerville, TN 37033

Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM (cst)

Centerville United Methodist Church
103 College Ave
Centerville, TN 37033

Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Mildred was a true southern lady!*❤️❤️❤️



laura Delong - September 24, 2021 at 12:53 PM

RJ

“ *A sweet classic southern lady who was loved by so many. Her music talent was enjoyed and appreciated by so many. She will definitely be missed by the community, friends, and family. Prayers Bill, to you and your family. God Bless.*



Rita Jenkins - September 23, 2021 at 04:50 PM

SH

“ *Saint Thomas Hickman Nursing Home lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges*



Saint Thomas Hickman Nursing Home - September 23, 2021 at 04:49 PM

RI

“ *Bill, I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful aunt. I know that she is rejoicing in heaven with her family. Hugs and prayers. Rita Weatherspoon Ivey*



Rita Ivey - September 23, 2021 at 11:26 AM

RM

“ Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges



Roy & Sharon McCoy - September 22, 2021 at 07:35 PM

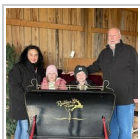


“ Special Lady indeed.

James Arthur and Dana Atkinson



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - September 22, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges



Sandi Westover - September 22, 2021 at 01:29 AM

PF

“ I first met Mrs. Mildred after marriage to Mike Field at the Methodist church. Actually it was a Christmas Choir party in 1996 at Winnie Cannon's where we may have for met for the first time while I was dating Mike. After marriage I joined the church and the choir. Through the years I enjoyed her beautiful singing voice and piano music. She was soft spoken and I never heard a cross word from her She was a true Southern lady. She would ask me about Mike every time I saw her and she would ask about the Eastern Star as she was a 66 year member at her death. Mike and I will miss her and the church and community has suffered the lost of this gentle woman.

Peggy Field - September 21, 2021 at 10:28 PM

JG

“ A true Southern Lady - always smiling. Loved to hear her play the piano.



Jane Gilbert - September 21, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges



Joyce Mayberry - September 21, 2021 at 09:52 PM

BJ

“ I will always love Biddie and my mom(Dot Thomas) worked together, went to church and went places together. They were the best of friends. I know they are kicking their heels together in Heaven right now.



Betty Jacobson - September 21, 2021 at 09:49 PM

KH

“ What a mighty special lady indeed. Love to all and what a beautiful soul she was,

Kathy Hamilton - September 21, 2021 at 05:36 PM

MG

“ Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges



Marilyn Gilliam - September 21, 2021 at 05:22 PM

PC

“ Not many people in this world as nice, sweet, and kind as Mrs. Bridges, always had a smile for everyone.



Pat Baird Coleman - September 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM

PC

“ *Pat Baird Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges*



Pat Baird Coleman - September 21, 2021 at 04:01 PM

BM

“ *Very kind & sweet lady! Many memories from days at MLEC!*



Bobby & Sandy McFarlin - September 21, 2021 at 03:23 PM

FR

“ *I remember as a young girl seeing Mrs. Mildred and Mr. Lloyd around Centerville and they both always had a smile and was always so friendly. My mom sure thought the world of them both.*



Frances(McClearen)McMeen - September 20, 2021 at 08:17 PM

RV

“ *Ralph Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges*



Ralph Vineyard - September 20, 2021 at 07:10 PM

SR

“ I was blessed to have met an know Aunt Bidi. After taking care of Uncle Lloyd for a short while. She took me in I was loved by this Angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.. 🙏❤️ during this time. I know I love her still and she will be missed.



Sarah Easley Rogers - September 20, 2021 at 06:55 PM

RB

“ Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges



Randall-Sandra Barber - September 20, 2021 at 03:49 PM

GO

“ Glenda Orman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges



Glenda Orman - September 20, 2021 at 01:21 PM

AS

“ Anne Bates Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges



Anne Bates Stanley - September 20, 2021 at 01:09 PM

RP

“ *MRS BRIDGES WAS KIND LOVELY PERSON I WILL MISS HER*

Ruby Peters - September 20, 2021 at 12:24 PM

CB

“ *Carmela Brown lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges*



Carmela Brown - September 20, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Carolyn Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges*



Carolyn Bennett - September 20, 2021 at 07:30 AM

SR

“ *RIP precious lady* ❤️



Sharon Rochelle - September 19, 2021 at 10:13 PM

MS

“ *Loved this sweet last!!!! Many memories when she and mom worked together at MLEC. So soft spoken and humble.*



Melissa Shelton - September 19, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges*



Betty Love - September 19, 2021 at 07:32 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mildred Louise Bridges*



Cheeva McClearen - September 19, 2021 at 06:32 PM