



Mrs. Peggy Joyce Vann

September 27, 1939 - July 7, 2013

Peggy Waters Vann, 73, of Centerville, Tennessee, educator, wife and mother, died at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville on July 7, 2013 as her children sang her into heaven to join the heavenly choir.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 13 at 2:00pm at Centerville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Frank Smith, Rev. Willie Burchfield and Mr. Bill McDonald officiating. Burial will follow at Nichol Cemetery. The family will visit with friends Saturday from 11:00am until the time of the funeral. McDonald Funeral Home of Centerville is in charge of the arrangements.

Born on September 27, 1939 in Nunnely, Tennessee, she was the daughter of Tommie Cornealius Waters and Lois Forrester Waters. On June 7, 1959, she married Rev. E. Thomas Vann beginning a life she loved as a pastor's wife and servant of our Lord Jesus Christ and his church. She graduated from Centerville High School (1957), Martin Methodist College (1959), and Middle Tennessee State University (1987). She was educated as a teacher and sociologist with a concentration in geriatric care. She used her training to improve the lives of children across Middle Tennessee. She especially enjoyed her tenure as a county director for the R.S.V.P. program with Big Brothers/Big Sisters within the Centerville schools recruiting and training mentors for children at risk.

She loved her family, and devoted most of her time in raising her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved her work as a Sunday School and Bible Study teacher in churches her husband served as pastor. She sang in the choir, helped in the United Methodist Women's circles and worked Vacation Bible Schools. She was the model wife, mother and servant of church and community.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years; sons Rev. Tommy (Claire) Vann, Keith Vann and special friend Vicky Gilbert; grandchildren Madison Vann, Hunter Vann, Scott Vann, and Bryant Vann; great-grandchildren Brennon Newsom, Khloe Fuller and Sara Fuller; brother Earl (Carol) Waters; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Hunter Vann, Scott Vann, Bryant Vann, Jeff Minor, Curtis Jackson, Greg Barrett and Rev. Jeff Jacob.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Oak Grove United Methodist Church or Martin Methodist College Alumni Association.

Cemetery Details

Charles L Nickell Memorial Park

Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Centerville United Methodist Church
103 College Ave
Centerville, TN 37033

Funeral Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“Peggy was a true lady who lit up any room just by entering. Her smile revealed her inner beauty. As a little girl I 'want(ed) to be like Peggy'.

Charlotte Staggs - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NA

“Bro. Vann, Tommy, Keith and family...Allen joins in my condolences to you all; all your friends at Pisgah have been praying for all of you. I was so glad to talk to Peggy and Keith at Little Lot last month. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, but most of all, a true Christian. May God bless you and hold you in His hands.

x

Norma Fly Aymett - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“Dearest Thomas and family, words are inadequate but please know that my family and I send our sincerest sympathy at the death of sweet Peggy. We love you and appreciate all you have meant to our family (the Campbells and all offspring) for many years. We will keep you near our hearts and in our prayers. May God bless, Hershel & Karen England Thrasher and family

Karen England Thrasher - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“My heart is unspeakably heavy for you and your family right now. You will be in my prayers. May God's peace be with you during this difficult time.

Kimberly Hamlett Archer - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Vann Family,
I am saddened to learn of the passing of your dear loved one.
Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Paula

Paula Brewer Potts - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Words can not begin to say how I feel. Mr. And Mrs. Vann have
meant so much to me. I am praying for the family and love you all. If
I can do any thing please let me know.

Psm 116:15

dewayne - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I simply don't have the words to express to all the Vann family my
deep sympathy for the loss of Peggy. Just know all of you are in my
thoughts and prayers. May you feel God's presence through
prayers, and the love of friends. God bless.
Dee & Bob White

Dee White - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My heart goes out to the Vann family. Mrs. Vann was such a sweet
lady. I will miss her bringing Bryant to his orthodontic appointments
and talking with me. My prayers are with all of you.

Judy Gray - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ There is nothing I can put here to change the events that have happened other than:

"MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALL"

FRIEND

Bill - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ My love and prayers are with you. Peggy was a dear friend to me and to my son. We fellow shipped with the Vann"s many nights. They both are well loved and respected by both of us. Bro. Vann, keep the faith that you spoke about and your eyes on the Lamb. God will not leave you nor forsake you.

May you be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:10

In His Love,

Nancy Williams Lewis

Nancy W - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I think our family will always remember the Sunday afternoons spent out in the yard or under the trees at Grandma Waters. It was a time to get to get together with family. I remember Peggy being there. I like to think of her as a close cousin as we would send Christmas cards and try to catch up when I came back to Tn. She was truly a lovely lady and dedicated to her family. I do miss her and my thoughts are with all of the family. When I was a freshman at Martin College I spent a weekend with Peggy and Thomas. I believe their oldest boy was just a little guy then.

Glenda Holland Hiemstra - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Bro Tommy & family,

My heart goes out to you. I did not know your Mother very well, but I do know she raised a very kind and loving son. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Love, Sharon & Duck

Sharon Sharp - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Please let us know if we can help in any way. Prayers.*

Daniel - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Ms.Peggy will be greatly missed by all who had the privalige of knowing her. I feel blessed to have gotten to know her and talk with her this past year. Our thoughts and prayers are for you Tom and your whole family.*

With greatest sympathy, Sharon Holt

Sharon Holt - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Peggy will be missed by the Nelson Family more than words can express. She was inspiration a loving "mother" to our children, grandchildren & great-grand children. Love to all the Vann Family. Lynn and Sue Nelson*

Lynn and Sue Nelson - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Sister Peggy was a very sweet persons. I used to love to hear her sing in church. She will truly be missed. I know she is with our Loving Father and we will see her again some day. Bro. Vann, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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