



Sarah Ruth Tiller

July 24, 1931 - July 28, 2020

Sarah Ruth Tiller was born on July 24, 1931 on her family's farm in the Anderson Bend Community in Duck River, Tennessee. She passed away on July 28, 2020 in Centerville, Tennessee. She was 89 years old.

She is the daughter of the late Paul Madison Jones and Grace Marie VanNess Jones.

She was also preceded in death by her husband David Dean Tiller, grandson Zachary, and sisters Carolyn Fields, and Marie Mayberry.

She is survived by her daughters Teresa Heinz (Bob) of Powell, Tennessee, Diane Pinkerton (Late Terry) of Centerville, Tennessee, and Deana Lancaster (Steve) of Spring Hill, Tennessee. Grandchildren Amanda, Daniel, Leslie, Rachel, and Erin. Great Grand Children Carter, Anna, Selah, and Franklin. Along with many other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Mrs. Tiller graduated from Hickman County High School before attending Lipscomb University for two years, and finishing a bachelor's degree in Business, Education, and Office Administration at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

She was a teacher at Hickman County High School for thirty five and one half

years, teaching typing, short hand, and general business classes. Mrs. Tiller estimated during her time teaching some 7000 students came through her classes. Upon retirement, from teaching, she went to work helping her father in law at Tiller Furniture that was located just off the Centerville square.

If you have a fond memory of Mrs. Tiller as a teacher the family request that you share those here on the website or write them down and bring them to the graveside services.

Cemetery Details

Centerville Cemetery

194 Briggs Street
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Hickman County High School
Class of 1977*

Cheeva McClearen - February 15, 2021 at 10:50 AM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen sent a virtual gift in memory
of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Cheeva McClearen - February 15, 2021 at 10:49 AM

CM

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of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Cheeva McClearen - February 15, 2021 at 10:48 AM

RU

“ *She was unique lady too the family sorry to hear sending my
condolences*

Ruby - August 01, 2020 at 07:58 PM

SP

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Mrs. Tiller was my Typing I teacher in the 1971-2 school year. She was a great and encouraging teacher. I thought that the class was a waste of time until personal computers came along and "typing" became "keyboarding". She and Mrs. Harworth were the Hickmanite sponsors my senior year. I was a sports writer so I got to know both of those two fine ladies outside of a constrained class experience. I used to look forward to seeing Mrs. Tiller in the local stores. She always had a smile on her face and was ready to chat. She was particularly happy to talk about you, her girls, Teresa, Diane, and Deanna. May God bless you and soothe your grief with happy memories of your mother. Steve Phillips

Steve Phillips - August 01, 2020 at 12:33 AM

RT

“ Rhonda Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



Rhonda Taylor - July 31, 2020 at 09:08 PM

TW

“ I remember her sweet smile and allowing our class to use her garage to build our homecoming float. Classy lady! Condolences and prayers for Deana and the rest of her family.

Talitha Luna Winnett - July 31, 2020 at 07:59 PM

TW

“ *Talitha Luna Winnett lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Talitha Luna Winnett - July 31, 2020 at 07:55 PM

BW

“ *Beverly Wall lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Beverly wall - July 31, 2020 at 07:48 PM

AC

“ *Alisa Collins lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Alisa Collins - July 31, 2020 at 01:51 PM

WH

“ Teresa, Diane, Deana,

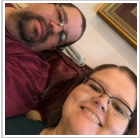
Odie and I were so very sorry to hear about your mothers passing. She was a joy to be around, so positive, so funny and a great teacher.

Nina loved your mother and greatly valued her friendship. I will never forget the boiled custard at Christmas and her patience with me in typing class.

May God bless Sarah, all of you and your families.

William and Odie Harworth

william harworth - July 31, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Mrs. Tiller was a wonderful teacher and a remarkable lady. I was in her class the last two years that she taught. I was so disappointed when she retired and I wasn't able to have her for Typing II. I still hear her telling me to raise my wrists and to clip my finger nails. Praying for peace and comfort for her family!

Karen Overbey-Taylor - July 31, 2020 at 11:14 AM

TV

“ Mrs. Tiller was such a smart and gracious lady. She was always very encouraging.

Sending sympathy to her family.

Trina McCoy Vinson

Trina McCoy Vinson - July 31, 2020 at 10:08 AM

JS

“ Mrs. Tiller was my teacher for Typing II and shorthand. She and Mrs. Harworth also sponsored the Hickmanite. In the days when we mostly had manual typewriters, she bought syncopated records for us to listen to as we typed to help us refrain from jamming the keys. Some of those syncopated polkas are branded into my memory to this day. Just by being herself, she taught us grace and kindness and humor. I am so sorry for your loss.

June Cook Sanders - July 31, 2020 at 07:37 AM

PW

“ Pamela Warf lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



Pamela Warf - July 31, 2020 at 02:43 AM

JN

“ Mrs Tiller was my typing teacher in my senior year. I saw her a few years ago and told her she helped me prepare for my life time career always using typing. She was a great example. Always had a smile on her face. Joyce Shepard Newberry

Joyce Newberry - July 30, 2020 at 08:41 PM

MA

“ Im so sorry about your mom! Diane my prays are with you



Maelynn - July 30, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JM

“ JOYCE AND MARK MOREY lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



JOYCE AND MARK MOREY - July 30, 2020 at 03:58 PM

RI

“ I'm so sorry about the passing of Mrs. Tiller. I was also a typing and shorthand student. She was an excellent teacher. May God give you all comfort during this difficult time. May wonderful memories always fill your heart. God bless you all. Rita Weatherspoon Ivey (Class of 1976).



Rita Ivey - July 30, 2020 at 01:26 PM

PL

“ I love Mrs. Tiller. She was not only a great teacher; but a wonderful friend of mine. Prayers for comfort and strength for her family.

Paulyne Dycus Litton - July 30, 2020 at 12:55 PM

AS

“ Mrs. Tiller was an excellent teacher and a true Southern lady.

Anita Safian - July 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM

CS

“ Teresa, your mom was a great teacher, even though I didn't know how good she was until later! I know what the 'home row' on a keyboard is because of her, but I can no longer read my college notes written in shorthand!! She was a very nice lady and I have very fond memories of her growing up.



Connie Smith Shelby - July 30, 2020 at 12:05 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



Joyce Mayberry - July 30, 2020 at 11:21 AM

SB

“ Mrs. Tiller was a great teacher. I had her for shorthand and two years of typing. Remember building the float at her home. She was a fantastic woman. I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. Shelia Patterson Barnes, HCHS class of 1976.

Shelia Patterson Barnes - July 30, 2020 at 11:04 AM

GJ

“ I always liked Mrs. Tiller. I took her shorthand class and 2 years of typing under her. I became a secretary because of her. Thoughts and prayers for her family.



Glenda Jones - July 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

NA

“ *She was a great teacher. I remember very little of the shorthand but I do remember her enthusiasm of teaching it.*



Nina Redden Adamson - July 30, 2020 at 09:44 AM

JP

“ *Jewell Prince lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Jewell Prince - July 30, 2020 at 09:30 AM

RP

“ *Wow...what a teacher! As the only boy who ever took her Shorthand class she cut me no slack...figuring my reasons for being there had little to do with dictation, she took me aside one day and gave me ONE DAY to get up to 15 gwpm...I did 30. After that I knuckled down and under her guidance took dictation at 125 gwpm by the end of the year. She took me to Columbia State to represent HCHS in the Shorthand competition, where I placed 3rd in the state. She was, along with Eleanor Hamilton, my favorite teacher.*

Rodney Pendell - July 30, 2020 at 09:25 AM

BG

“ *Brenda Gordon lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Brenda Gordon - July 30, 2020 at 09:10 AM

WL

“ *Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster - July 30, 2020 at 09:10 AM

PT

“ *Mrs. Tiller was one of my favorite teachers at HCHS. I LOVED her typing class. I didn't do well at first, but she always encouraged me to keep practicing and I did get better at it and soon was one of the quickest in the class.*
Prayers for her family.

Paula Talley - July 30, 2020 at 09:00 AM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Vicky Beagle - July 30, 2020 at 08:34 AM

MT

“ *Marilyn Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Marilyn Tidwell - July 30, 2020 at 08:21 AM

RC

“ *Typing class...she was so patient with me... Deffently one of my best teachers*♥♥



Rita Luttrell Cannon - July 30, 2020 at 12:40 AM

DB

“ *David Bates lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



David Bates - July 29, 2020 at 11:22 PM

PC

“ *Pat Coleman lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Pat Coleman - July 29, 2020 at 11:14 PM

MF

“ *Michael E Field lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Michael E Field - July 29, 2020 at 10:48 PM

KH

“ *To Teresa, Diane and Deana, i am so sorry and send my deepest of sympathy to you all from both me and my Mom. Your Mom was such an icon, she taught me how to type, it was one of my favorite classes. My Mom enjoyed her friendship so much. Our hearts are with you all, prayers and love.*

Kathy Hamilton and Eleanor Hamilton.

Kathy Hamilton - July 29, 2020 at 10:27 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Bradley lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Debbie Bradley - July 29, 2020 at 10:10 PM

GO

“ *Glenda Orman lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Glenda Orman - July 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM

TC

“ *Tonie Cloud lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Tonie Cloud - July 29, 2020 at 08:52 PM

RS

“ *To:Tiller Family,
We are thinking of you during this difficult time.*

Regina &Martha Shelton - July 29, 2020 at 08:50 PM

SR

“ *Sharon Rochelle lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Sharon Rochelle - July 29, 2020 at 08:38 PM

TU

“ *Terrie Utley lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Terrie Utley - July 29, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Sandi Westover - July 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM

BC

“ *Bill And Teressa Clarke lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Bill and Teressa Clarke - July 29, 2020 at 07:20 PM

MH

“ *Melinda And Barclay Hickman lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Melinda and Barclay Hickman - July 29, 2020 at 07:19 PM

KS

“ *I was a student in four different classes of hers. I loved having her as a teacher. I don't remember ever seeing her get angry, frustrated, or sad. I remember her with kindness for each of her students. She had a beautiful smile. Kathy Gossett Scott, Class of 1983.*

kathy scott - July 29, 2020 at 07:10 PM

JM

“ *She was the best typing teacher. Prayers for all the family* ”



Joyce Aldridge McDaniel - July 29, 2020 at 07:06 PM

RM

“ *I had the privilege of having her in typing. She was a very loved teacher.* ”



Reba McFarlin - July 29, 2020 at 06:38 PM

BG

“ *Bobbie Baird Graf lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller* ”



Bobbie Baird Graf - July 29, 2020 at 06:31 PM

BR

“ *Bobby & Kathy Winters Redden lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller* ”



Bobby & Kathy Winters Redden - July 29, 2020 at 06:13 PM

RM

“ Roy And Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



Roy and Sharon McCoy - July 29, 2020 at 05:52 PM

KP

“ Karco Parts lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



Karco Parts - July 29, 2020 at 05:45 PM

RM

“ Roy And Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



Roy and Sharon McCoy - July 29, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller



Betty Love - July 29, 2020 at 05:36 PM

MA

“ *Love with sweet memories*

Ms. Annis - July 29, 2020 at 05:31 PM

LA

“ *Mrs. Tiller was my favorite teacher of all time and I got to see her at church over the last several year. She was a very sweet lady. Prayers for the entire family.*



Letitia Allen - July 29, 2020 at 05:23 PM

SB

“ *Shawna Bowman lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Shawna Bowman - July 29, 2020 at 05:16 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ruth Tiller*



Randall-Sandra Barber - July 29, 2020 at 04:59 PM