



Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker

October 25, 1938 - August 26, 2021

Sis. Hazel Donellon Tucker was born October 25, 1938 in McNairy County, TN, to the late Doss Holt and Mary Norman Holt, the second of four children born. Her mother was a domestic worker and homemaker. Her father was a farmer and factory worker.

At the age of 14, Hazel was baptized by her Uncle, Bro David Burgess at the Meigg Street Church of Christ. Hazel received her education from the public schools of Tennessee, Missouri, and Mississippi, graduating in 1957 from Easom High School in Corinth, Mississippi.

Upon graduation from high school, Hazel enrolled at Lane College in Jackson, TN, in the fall of 1957. She was selected out of over 80 students who interviewed for a secretarial job in the Dean's Office. As freshman secretary, her duties included typing and running off copies for the Dean's tests (for his classes), faculty memos, taking dictation and typing business letters, recording grades on permanent records, and helping with registration. Outside of her studies, she advocated for racial equality by actively participating in protests and marches during the Civil Rights Movement. She graduated from Lane in 1963 with a B.A. degree in English with certification to teach grades 7-12.

A lifelong, God-fearing Christian, Hazel was a member of the Middleton and Payne Streets Church of Christ. There, she met the love of her life Alex preaching in the pulpit. They were married October 8, 1963, at the Meigg Street Church of Christ, and remained faithfully married for over 55 years. In 1967 they became the proud parents of twins, Alfie LaGrane and Sonya Simone who were truly a blessing from the Lord. Their home was also blessed in 1986 with a nephew whom they reared as a son, Edward Marvin Holt, Jr.

Hazel began her teaching career in 1965 with the Haywood County Board of Education by accepting a position at Douglas School as an English and Algebra teacher. In 1966, she joined the Jackson City Schools System, accepting a position at Merry High School as an 11th grade English teacher. She earned a Master's Degree from Trevecca Nazarene University with certification in Administration and Supervision but remained committed to

her role as a classroom teacher. She continued to teach 11th and 12th grade English at Jackson Central-Merry High School until she retired in 1996.

Hazel valued and cared about every student. She remembered her own struggles growing up and knew the value of education. She wanted her students to realize success in their lives. She instilled in them the value of education, good character, and appreciation of life. Hazel had a successful and rewarding career. She held membership in the following organizations: Tennessee Education Association, The National Council of Teachers of English, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Faculty Delta Teachers Academy, National Faculty Fellow, and the Local NAACP.

Prior to a decline in her health, she loved: teaching and counseling young people, speaking on Ladies Day Programs, reading good books that included Christian materials, listening to good music, homemaking, interior decorating, and cooking. Hazel loved to travel and attend Crusades and Lectureships. She loved all church related activities and helping people. She spoke to the Ladies at the National Crusades in San Francisco, California. Hazel remained a member of East Jackson Church of Christ and attended until her health declined.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Alex Tucker, her brother, Edward Marvin Holt, Sr., her sister, Mary Alice Holt Hutton (Lumberton, North Carolina), and her mother and father.

Those left to cherish her memory include: three children: Sonya Myers, Jackson, TN; Alfie L. (Julie) Tucker, Chattanooga, TN; Edward Marvin (Tammy) Holt Jr., Memphis, TN; thirteen grandchildren: Nadia Holt, Sabella Holt, Edward Marvin Holt III, Ethan Holt, Carmen Myers, Derric Myers, Camille Myers, Alfie L. Tucker II, Tai Stigar, Mary Stigar, Febyana Stigar, Robert Stigar, Tommy Stigar; two brothers: Luke Stiger, Jackson, TN; Tommy Stigar, Tallahassee, FL. A host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North
Jackson, TN 38305

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ
1461 East Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

FM

“ *Remembering and praying for the Holt and Tucker family at this time of sorrow.
From Freida Gardner Miller, Corinth, MS.*

Freida Gardner Miller, Corinth, MS - September 13, 2021 at 07:51 PM

MP

“ *Melvin & Carolyn Polk.*



Melvin Polk - September 04, 2021 at 02:29 PM

CP

“ *Carolyn Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker*



Carolyn Polk - September 04, 2021 at 02:16 PM

NB

“ *Sister Tucker was one of my teachers at Douglass Elementary School in Stanton, TN (Haywood County). I remember her kindnesses and her lovely spirit, even back then. She taught us how to sing in a group as we listened to some of the music she liked to play. Favorite songs were "The Little Drummer Boy and Cool, Clear Water! The songs are some of my favorites today. I would see her when I visited East Jackson and her beloved "Alex" as she used to refer to him. She will be missed and we loved her very much.*

Dr. Norma Jean Bond Burgess, Franklin, TN

Norma Burgess - September 03, 2021 at 04:12 PM

MD

“ Moccasin Bend Maintenance Dept. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker.



Moccasin Bend Maintenance Dept. - September 03, 2021 at 11:11 AM

PL

“ Mrs. Tucker and I taught next door to each other at JCM for many years. She was kind and very sweet to work with. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. We shared a lot of memories at JCM. The English Dept. there was like family and I will always treasure that time we had together. My sympathies to her entire family. Sincerely, Pat Little

Pat Little - September 03, 2021 at 09:32 AM

KM

“ Kathey Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker



kathey mckinney - September 03, 2021 at 03:29 AM

KM

“ Cousin Hazel Gone but never forgotten. Precious memories of you that hold a special place in my heart Take your rest You've completed your journey.

kathey mckinney - September 03, 2021 at 03:28 AM

CD

“ Camille Day-Jacox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker



Camille Day-Jacox - September 03, 2021 at 02:24 AM

YS

“ Your cousin, Elizabeth Ann Saunders purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker.



Your cousin, Elizabeth Ann Saunders - September 02, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MJ

“ Mae Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker



Mae Jones - September 02, 2021 at 11:25 AM

SB

“ Sinatra F. Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker.



Sinatra F. Brown - September 02, 2021 at 10:31 AM

DB

“ Sending hugs and many prayers to the family of Sis Hazel Tucker. May God continue to bless you all with the strength needed to get through this difficult time.
❤️🙏

Diane Brown - September 01, 2021 at 02:45 PM

DB

“ Diane Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker



Diane Brown - September 01, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker.



August 31, 2021 at 02:00 PM

MD

“ I'll always treasure the wonderful talks and the encouraging words. Precious memories. Condolences to the family. ❤️



Mary Davis - August 31, 2021 at 12:13 PM

FC

“ From Omega Psi Phi , Kappa Iota Chapter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker.



From Omega Psi Phi , Kappa Iota Chapter - August 30, 2021 at 07:47 PM

SG

“ Shirley Grimes-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker



Shirley Grimes-Carter - August 30, 2021 at 01:40 PM

AL

“ I will always treasure the conversations that Sis. Hazel Tucker and I shared about our teaching experiences, as well as confiding in each other as minister's wives. She will definitely be missed.

Almeda Cannon Luster - August 30, 2021 at 03:06 AM

SG

“ Sarah Goyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker



Sarah Goyer - August 29, 2021 at 11:06 PM

TF

“ Sending my deepest & sincere condolences with prayer to the family of Mrs. Hazel Tucker. I pray the Lord will continue to hold you all with unchanging hands, bringing peace & comfort at this trying times.



With Love,

The Frye & Folks Family

Teresa Frye-Folks - August 28, 2021 at 11:36 PM

 Belinda Givens

“ Belinda Givens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker



Belinda Givens - August 28, 2021 at 01:15 PM

 Marion Rogers-McCurry

“ Mrs. Hazel Tucker was my teacher at Merry Jr. High School and my Sister in Christ. A beautiful soul with a beautiful heart. Rest in Paradise Sister Hazel. May The Lord Bless and Comfort The Tucker Family.

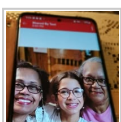


Marion Rogers- McCurry - August 27, 2021 at 06:56 PM

VB

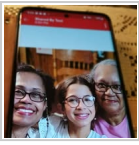
R.I.P. Very beautiful inside and outside. Beautiful spirit ❤️ My sister in CHRIST will truly be missed 😭

Virginia Bonds - August 29, 2021 at 06:15 PM



Praying for the family for the lost of your loved one

Ollie Brooks - September 02, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *Ollie Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker*



Ollie Brooks - August 27, 2021 at 04:33 PM

SK

“ *Sadie Kyles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker*



Sadie Kyles - August 27, 2021 at 03:26 PM

SK

“ *Condolences. Mrs. Tucker was a beautiful person inside and out*

Sadie Kyles - August 27, 2021 at 03:22 PM

DH

“ *Mrs. Tucker was my fifth grade teacher when she was just beginning her teaching career. At the time I thought she was the meanest teacher I'd ever seen--today she is among my favorites. She taught me so much and was an amazing influence. I will always cherish her patience and passion and I thank God for creating this special and anointed woman.*

Dr. Cynthia A. Bond Hopson - August 27, 2021 at 12:08 PM

VL

“ *Verline Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel D. Tucker*



Verline Love - August 27, 2021 at 12:03 PM

SR

“ I remembered Mrs. Tucker as a very kind and fair teacher! Oh, did I mention how beautiful she was! She will really be missed and my prayers are with her family during this most difficult time.

Sadie May Robinson - August 26, 2021 at 10:56 PM