



Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey

October 15, 1931 - May 12, 2021

Vernon Huddleston Cathey was born on October 15, 1931 to Hoyie and Beulah Vann Huddleston in Bells, Tennessee. She was one of three children. she joined the “great cloud of witnesses” and took her eternal rest on May 12, 2021.

She received her early education in Bells, TN. She was baptized and raised in the gospel at Bells Chapel Baptist Church where she served as a church secretary.

During her teen years, she went to Vashon High School in St. Louis MO and resided with her paternal grandparents, Carlos and Sadie Huddleston. She always said some of her best years were spent there with her grandparents, an aunt who was like a sister, and doting uncles. Her faith was strengthened with the family at the Rising Star Baptist Church where she sang in the Rising Star choir.

As an adult she joined Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church where she faithfully served in many roles including church secretary, stewardess, usher, missionary board president, and member of the Carnation Club for more than 60 years.

She married her heart and soul mate, Marvin Cathey, on November 1, 1947.

They met as children and developed into a truly admirable love story. She was his “Queen” for 65 years until his death in 2013.

As a young wife and mother, she completed her high school education after the birth of her first child. She continued to serve as a dutiful wife and mother for several years until she decided to complete her dream to become a teacher. While rearing her children, she attended Lane College. She graduated in 1964 with a B.S. in Elementary Education with Summa Cum Laude honors. Her first teaching assignment after graduation was at the St. John School, located in the community where she was reared and had many relatives and friends. She went on to teach and impact countless number of students in Jackson-Madison County at Nova and Denmark Elementary Schools for 28 years.

She never lost her stride as a faithful wife, mother, and active participant in serving her community. She was inducted into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service organization, in 1965. She was a Golden Life Member and financially supported the organization’s goals and mission until her death. She served as a Cub Scout Den mother, school PTA member, piano teacher, pseudo-Mom, neighbor and friend to anyone who would listen and learn from someone who had been blessed, even with obstacles which delayed, but did not prevent the accomplishment of her life goals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, and husband.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in honor of Vermon Huddleston Cathey to the Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Carnation Club, 112 Conger Street, Jackson, TN 38301.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Tinker Hill Rd
Jackson, TN

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church
112 Conger Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Ms Cathey was the best teacher of all at Nova. My son had her an we loved her. Her husband was a great sales person at Pennys for every. So sorry for your loss she was a sweet Lady. Gone but not forgotten. RIP my friend.*



Sharon Howell - May 23, 2021 at 07:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey.*



May 22, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Mrs Cathey was an elementary teacher at St John elementary school back in the 1960's and taught my younger brothers. She was always an elegant lady and a professional. With deepest sympathy to her family*



jessie chatman - May 21, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey.*



May 21, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Eloise Cole Square purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey.*



Eloise Cole Square - May 21, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey.*



May 20, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ *I loved and respected Mrs. Cathy like family and she will truly be missed.*

Linda Bradley - May 20, 2021 at 01:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey.*



May 20, 2021 at 01:09 AM



“ *Sonji M Fouse lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey*



Sonji M Fouse - May 17, 2021 at 06:14 PM



Mrs Cathey was my Den Mother when I was a Cub Scout. She was one of the many that helped me become the man that I am today. RIP Mrs Cathey.

cliff miner - May 28, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Merry High Class Of 1970 lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey*



Merry High Class of 1970 - May 15, 2021 at 03:45 PM

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“ Mrs Vernon Huddleston Cathey was a woman of strength, giving, wisdom and determination. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. Family, church members and friends were very important to her. She enjoyed watching Television and talking. Mrs. Vernon Huddleston could talk for hours about her childhood, life in St. Louis, going to Lane College, teaching, her church, her family history, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Plus, the love of her life; the late Mr. Cathey. Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey was referred to me "like a mother" and I know she impacted many others as a "mother". Like Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey inspired me, I know she inspired others too. Family, former students, church members, neighbors and friends let her legacy of love, giving, caring, family and God-Fearing be a part of our life today and forever. She will be missed. But our God needed another Angel for his beautiful garden and our Angel Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey spend many seconds, minutes and hours sending up her timber for her heavenly home. She was a Virtue Woman who knew there was more to life than what was on EARTH.



Ethel and Norman

Ethel Ellis - May 14, 2021 at 06:49 PM

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“ Ligon Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vernon Huddleston Cathey



Ligon Family - May 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM