



Dorothy Geraldine Pitts Hughes

September 1, 1922 - August 27, 2025

Dorothy Geraldine Pitts Hughes passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the home of her daughter in Dandridge. She was born September 1, 1922 in the St Tide community of Cocke County, the older of two children of Porter Monroe and Cora Gregg Pitts. She grew up on the farm purchased by her grandfather in 1897, attended Unity School, graduated Parrottsville High School, followed by business courses at Cocke County High School. She and Edward Ward Hughes were married December 2, 1939 and celebrated their sixty-third anniversary prior to his death in 2003. She was a homemaker as they raised a family of four children. She worked twenty-four years in education, initially as a teacher at Unity School during World War II followed by twenty-three years as a teaching assistant after her children were raised. In addition to being an excellent seamstress, she enjoyed cooking, gardening, crafts, puzzles, and reading. She loved her God and was of the Baptist faith from an early age.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Ward Hughes; her parents; and brother, Eugene Fulton Pitts. She is survived by a daughter, Martha (Lynn) Murray, Dandridge; son, Charles Douglas (Vicki) Hughes, Newport; son, Grady E. Hughes, Maryville; Gordon D. (Vicki) Hughes, Morristown; grandchildren, Leanne Murray, Jefferson City and Isabella and Anabella Hughes, Mohawk; step-grandchildren, Kevin Smelcer and Jennifer Richardson; step-great-grandchildren, Sam and Emma Smelcer and Silas Richardson.

The family extends much gratitude to Jennifer Kyker for her tender and loving care and also to Dr. Donna Dillard and to Smoky Mountain Home Health for excellent care.

The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday evening, August 30, 2025 at Manes Funeral Home Chapel; the funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Jason McIntosh and Rev. Dr. Charlie Boggan officiating.

Interment will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, August 31, 2025 in Union Cemetery in Newport.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Stokely Memorial Library, Newport.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home, Newport, TN.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery Inc

420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

AUG 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821
(423) 623-6952
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<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Funeral service

AUG 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Burial

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery
Newport, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Geraldine Pitts Hughes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - August 30, 2025 at 10:23 AM

GM

Praying for peace and comfort love you GailM

gail metcalf - August 30, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RH

Douglas, so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I will be praying for you and your family. Richard Hixson

Richard Hixson - August 31, 2025 at 01:10 AM

JF

“ *Grady,*

So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. I'm sure the loss is unbearable.

She raised a fine Son in you.

Jill Gorrell Foster

Jill Foster - September 01, 2025 at 01:52 PM

TK

“ Our deepest condolence to the Hughes family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Terry and Janey Clevenger Kinser - September 01, 2025 at 12:59 AM

LZ

“ I was very blessed my mom married into a wonderful family where Geraldine Hughes became an amazing aunt. She was an amazing woman who I loved and admired. We traded recipes for many years. I will never forget her.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Linda Zoldak - August 31, 2025 at 10:37 AM

LT

“ Mrs Hughes was always very kind to me when I stayed with her mother and father many years ago. I pray for comfort to the family during this time. May you find comfort in God's love.



Loretta and Steve Taylor - August 30, 2025 at 06:19 PM

BC

“ Mrs. Hughes was always a great neighbor.
God bless the family during this time



Bessie Smith Hanson/Kathleen Campbell - August 30, 2025 at 06:17 PM

BL

“ Sorry for your loss! Bessie Hanson and Linda Sutton!

Becky Lane - August 30, 2025 at 04:16 PM

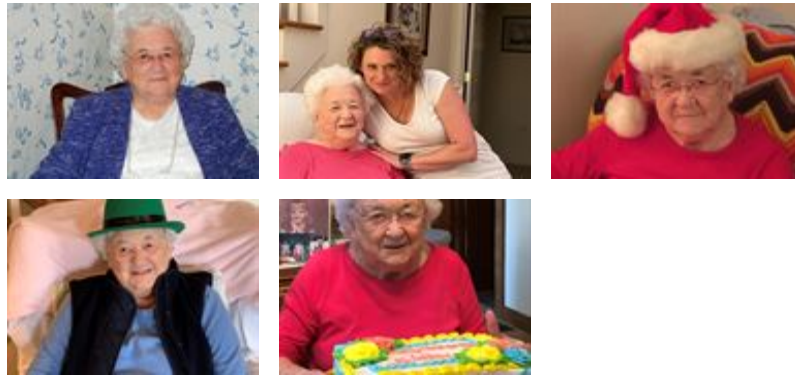
WD

“ Lynn, Martha, and Leanne...
We're so sorry to hear of the loss to your family.
Praying for peace as you adjust to the days ahead.
With love...Wes, Whitney, Jack, and Sam DeBord

Whitney DeBord - August 30, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - August 30, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family
of Dorothy Geraldine Pitts Hughes.



August 29, 2025 at 10:26 PM

JC

“ With deepest sympathy

Jan Carpenter - August 29, 2025 at 09:13 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Ray lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Hughes*



Bonnie Ray - August 29, 2025 at 09:01 PM

BR

“ *Im so sorry to hear of her passing she was always a sweet lady to me love and prayers to the family*

Bonnie Ray - August 29, 2025 at 09:00 PM

SH

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. We are praying for God's comfort for you and your family. Respectfully, Frank and Sandra Hoilman*



Sandra Hoilman - August 29, 2025 at 07:44 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Prayers for your family.*

Charlie & Lana Williamson - August 29, 2025 at 06:31 PM

BF

“ *Thoughts & prayers for all the family!*

Brenda Fancher - August 29, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Geraldine Pitts Hughes.*



August 29, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *It was a pleasure working with Mrs. Hughes at CCHS for several years. My sincere sympathy to all.*

Duay O'Neil - August 29, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ *(This message is from Eutha (Blue) Welch)*

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God's presence give you comfort at this difficult time.

*In Prayers & Sympathy,
Eutha (Blue) Welch*

Barbara Welch - August 29, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Geraldine Pitts Hughes.*



August 28, 2025 at 05:51 PM

RF

“ *It was always a comfort to see Mrs. Hughes smiling face at CCHS each morning. I watched her work one on one with many, many students. Her smile offered confidence to those she was helping. A long, accomplished life well served to her family and students. My prayers lifted up for each of you...*

Ray Fancher - August 28, 2025 at 01:44 PM