



## Ella Mae Bundy

December 16, 1924 - September 24, 2021

Ella Mae (Norwood) Bundy was called home Friday, September 24 by her Lord Jesus Christ to stroll in heaven with her husband (Dwight Bundy), daughter (Margaret Busler), great grandson (Dakota Best) and eight siblings. Born December 16, 1924 in a small house along Spicewood Flat Road in Del Rio, TN to Joe and Maggie (Kelly) Norwood, Ella Mae later moved with her family to Laurens, SC where her parents bought a farm to provide for their large family.

First in her family to graduate high school, Ella Mae began work in a local textile mill. It was on the family farm where she met a handsome Tennessean, Dwight Bundy, who was visiting his SC relatives. Smitten with Ella Mae's beauty, he volunteered to help tend crops on her family farm to be near her. After two years of courting and sparking, Ella Mae and Dwight married and moved to Greenville, SC to find work. Three children later, they moved to Coker County to work on Dwight's family farm and find other work.

Ella Mae began a career at Magnavox in Morristown, where she was promoted to line supervisor. Being comfortable with hard work, she also supported Dwight in his many business endeavors. She spent long hours after work helping at their restaurant, drive-in burger shack, coin laundromat, milk delivery company or family farm.

In the late 50s, Ella Mae and Dwight built a house in the Wilsonville area of Coker County in which they raised their three children into adulthood. She transferred her church membership to Wilsonville Baptist Church where she

became active in the choir and women's group activities.

Ella Mae organized frequent tent camping adventures for her family in the Smoky Mountains and at Myrtle Beach. Camping was a major family activity that Ella Mae took great pleasure in coordinating.

Following years of work, Ella Mae and Dwight retired to explore America in their RV. They traveled to all forty-eight continental United States and Canada. They especially enjoyed learning the history, mysteries and legends of the western states. She also delighted in excursions to ocean beaches and camping along mountain streams.

As soon as returning from each trip, Ella Mae would clean the RV and begin loading it for their next expedition. She was always ready to travel! Ella Mae relished taking each of her grandchildren along to explore America and see special destinations for children.

During sixty-two years of marriage with Dwight, Ella Mae fostered the importance of love and family ties in their children. She organized regular family gatherings and events for her adult children and their expanding families. Birthdays, graduations, weddings, and holidays required all family members to come together in love, laughter and lots of good food.

Ella Mae appreciated the beauty found in poetry, music, and colorful flowers. She kept a collection of her favorite verses and songs; and, grew many lovely flowers around her home.

Ella Mae is survived by two sons: Dr. Michael L. Bundy and wife Barbara of Oak Ridge (TN) and William Keith Bundy and wife Donna of Newport (TN); son-in-law: Charles Busler and wife Sharon of Powell (TN); six grandchildren: Adrian Bundy and wife Christy of Knoxville (TN); Erica Bundy and wife Natalie Pendley of Antioch (TN); Melissa Peffer and husband Lloyd of Powell, Cathryn Best and husband Brandon Jeremiah "BJ" of Powell (TN); Whitney Strange and husband Kenny of Newport (TN) and Kristi Brabec and husband Sean of Greenback (TN); and, eight great grandchildren: Dalton Best of Powell (TN); Madison, HaileyAnne, and Andrew Jacob "AJ" Peffer of Powell (TN); Brayden White of Knoxville (TN); and, Cora, Owen and Simon Brabec of Greenback

(TN).

Family and friends may drop by and sign the register book from 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Manes Funeral Home or online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Graveside services will be held 1:00 pm Thursday, September 30, 2021, in Union Cemetery.

Family requests that visitors respect the health and safety of others by practicing safe social distancing and wearing masks.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Wilsonville Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Drop By and Sign Register Book

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Or Online  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Graveside Service

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery  
Newport, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ella Mae Bundy*



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 27, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Ella Mae Bundy*

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November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *So sorry to read about Mrs. Bundy's passing. My condolences and good wishes goes out to the family of this beautiful and gracious lady. She was a class act.*

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**Carolyn Maloy Fox** - October 04, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Gail Frisbee lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae Bundy*



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**gail frisbee** - September 30, 2021 at 10:37 PM

GD

“ *Wow, the video, what a beautiful life she lived and family she raised! What a beautiful sweet lady Mrs. Bundy was! Thank you for sharing her and the awesome memories! She will be missed and treasured in my heart. I loved her dearly, Gidget Dailey*

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**Gidget Dailey** - September 30, 2021 at 08:28 AM

 Nikki  
Ross

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family Selena and Nikki*

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**Nikki Ross** - September 29, 2021 at 05:39 PM



*I believe you kept her looking beautiful. Thank you for your supportive words. Thank you*

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**Michael Bundy** - September 30, 2021 at 08:03 PM

LB

“ *Deepest sympathy to all the family. Though I did not know Mrs. Bundy personally, I remember well Dwight Bundy's excellent service on the School Board and my long ago friendship and collegueship with Mike. I am thankful for these really positive memories, and extend my best wishes to this fine family.*

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**Lonnie Butler** - September 29, 2021 at 11:09 AM

LD

“ *Linda Bud Dawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ella Mae Bundy*



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**Linda Bud Dawson** - September 29, 2021 at 01:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ella Mae Bundy.*



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September 28, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ella Mae Bundy.*



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September 27, 2021 at 11:48 PM



“ *Keith, it is hard to believe how time slips away. We are saddened at the news of your mama's passing. I am proud to have been her cousin and I am thankful for the times we did get to sit and visit, like at the Norwood/ Payne family reunions and when we built for you in Wilsonville. She was always so kind and cheerful and shared many stories with me. Please know that you are in our prayers. What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind.*

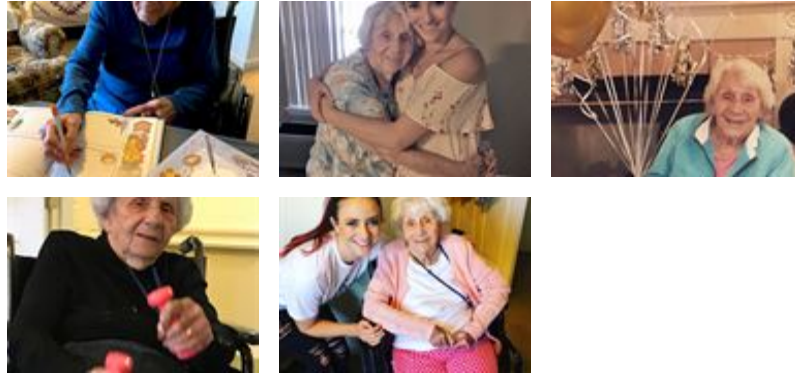
*With much love,  
Don and Gaylelynne Norwood*

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**Don Norwood** - September 27, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 27, 2021 at 11:43 AM

LD

*Mike and Keith and families,  
Sending sincere condolences and prayers to you for the loss of your Mother. You are indeed blessed to have had her in your life for so many years. What a lovely lady! I knew I had missed seeing her pictures lately at Wellington Manor. My God bless and comfort you as only He can at this time.*

*Matthew 5:4*

*Sincerely, Linda Dawson*

**Linda Bud Dawson** - September 29, 2021 at 12:58 AM

LG

“ *Mrs. Bundy was a wonderful, loving woman. She encouraged my husband and me over the years. She will be missed here, but we will see her again in heaven.*

*Rev. Eddie and Gail Gray*

**Linda Gail Gray** - September 27, 2021 at 11:15 AM

CG

“ Keith and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers with you and your family.

Craig Gardner - September 27, 2021 at 09:41 AM

TM

“ Ms Ella Mae was a blessing to our family. She was a beautiful reflection of our Savior, Jesus. Your family will be in our prayers for comfort.

Tommy, Tammy, & Hunter Maxwell

Tammy Maxwell - September 26, 2021 at 04:03 PM

JL

“ So sorry to here about Ella's Mae. She was a great neighbor. Loved hearing the stories of her, Dwight, Louise, and Charles. Sending prayers to you and your families. May God be with you all.



Joy Large - September 25, 2021 at 07:48 PM

MB

Thank you for your kind words.

Michael Bundy - September 26, 2021 at 12:38 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear about Ella Mae. She was a great neighbor. Loved hearing all those stories about her, Dwight, Louise, and Charles. They had such good times together. Sending prayers to you and your families. May God be with you all.



Joy Large - September 25, 2021 at 07:42 PM

DO

“ *Such a sweet, kind, gracious lady, Ella Mae brightened her corner for nearly a century. She will indeed be missed.*

**Duay, Kay, Amber and Connor O'Neil** - September 25, 2021 at 06:00 PM

MB

*Duay, Keith and I are deeply grateful for your friendship to our family over the years. Blessings to you.*

**Michael Bundy** - September 26, 2021 at 12:37 PM

MJ

“ *So sorry to hear of this dear ladies passing. Attended Church with her until she was no longer able to attend. She was a Blessing to us and will be greatly missed. RIP Mrs. Bundy. Prayers for the family she leaves behind.*

**Mike & Sandra Jenkins** - September 25, 2021 at 05:00 PM

DC

*There's no words to express the joy that Mrs.Bundy's homegoing has left in our hearts. She was a truly gracious lady in ever sense of the word. Our hearts are heavy with the pain of loss but our hearts rejoice she is with OUR Saviour she loved so much.The reunion with Mr.Bundy,Margaret and their grandson and countless friends should help us rejoice. Rest easy Mrs.Bundy till we see you again.*

**Dee & Jan Covington** - September 26, 2021 at 09:53 AM

MB

*We appreciate your kind words.*

**Michael Bundy** - September 26, 2021 at 12:34 PM

GF

*Mike, and Donna, Sorry for your loss. Not many of Dad's first cousins are left!!  
Glenda Henderson and family*

**Glenda Henderson & family** - September 27, 2021 at 11:23 AM

GF

*Thought, prayers & hugs to you!  
Ginni Walker Foust*

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**ginni walker foust** - September 27, 2021 at 08:19 PM

GF

*To all the family, Mrs. Bundy was my next door neighbor for two years. What wonderful ,caring people Dwight and Ella may both were. I will always remember them helping me out when I needed it. May god bless all of you. Always treasure your good memories. Gail frisbee*

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**gail frisbee** - September 30, 2021 at 10:36 PM