



Etholeen Burchette

March 14, 1926 - July 1, 2020

Etholeen Burchette passed away peacefully at her home on July 1, 2020. She was born March 14, 1926 to George and Lala Moles in Laurel Fork, Virginia. She attended elementary and high school in Laurel Fork before completing her studies at a business college in Marion, Virginia. After graduation, she took a position working for the City of Marion. While living in Marion, she met and married James S. Burchette, Jr. Etholeen was very active in the First Baptist Church of Marion, Virginia. Her mission in life was always to use her skills and knowledge to give back to others. The Burchette family would often travel back to Virginia to visit Marion, Laurel Fork, the Blue Ridge Mountains and Mabry Mill after moving to Newport.

James and Etholeen purchased the Western Auto in Newport, TN in 1958. After moving to Newport, she joined several service clubs and continued to give back to the community. The Burchettes were members of the First Baptist Church in Newport where Etholeen was the second woman to ever hold the distinction of being a deaconess in the church. She was well known for her ability as a seamstress. She used this skill to make very authentic Biblical costumes and to design costumes for her grandchildren. She would research the costume down to the last detail to ensure that it relayed the intended message.

Etholeen and her friends, Imogene Freeman and Elizabeth Hurst, were sought

after to oversee wedding receptions. She could be seen carrying the tablecloths along with the trays into the First Baptist Church in preparation of a reception. They each contributed their part in creating elegant receptions and enjoyed a special friendship for decades.

Arranging flowers for church events and Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice patients may have been one of her most fulfilling missions. She could take a variety of flowers and create arrangements to brighten up a person's day. Several of the employees that visited her during her illness remembered the vases of flowers that she arranged for their patients. She saw beauty and possibilities in all flowers.

Her family will remember the special times spent at her home during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Etholeen believed in traditions and her meals carried on this belief. The family would always talk about grandma's special dishes that she had perfected over the years. The meals had the same menu at each holiday. Grandma believed in traditions.

Etholeen was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, James S. Burchette, Jr.; parents – George and Lala Moles; and four sisters and one brother. She leaves three sons, David, Joe (Sandy), and Dan (Gail). Several grandchildren that knew her as Grandma – Chad (Brooke), Darrin (Jessica), Caitlin, Brad and Andy. Five great grandchildren – Kiersten, Ross, India, Connor and Sadie; sisters Gana, Macleda and Stella; and a very special niece and nephew, Kelli (Ernie) Ling and Sam (Debbie) Crawford. A special thanks to her caregivers – Doris Stinnett, Julie Wilson, Joyce Shoemaker, Pam Vernon and Melinda Mitchell that cared for her with love and compassion.

The family will receive friends at Manes Funeral Home on Sunday, July 5, during the hours of 11:00-2:00. Funeral will begin at 2:00 followed by burial in the Union Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of

Newport and Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Etholeen Burchette*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Missing Aunt Etholeen so much! Here is a picture of her about a year ago with her great (twin) nieces, Kera and Ambrin (Ling) on their way through Tennessee. Love, Kelli and Ernie (niece and nephew)*



Kelli Ling - July 06, 2020 at 11:54 AM



Sorry this pic is so large here.

Kelli Ling - July 06, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ *Continued prayers for the family.*
Ashlei Proffitt

Ashlei Proffitt - July 05, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about your mother. Y'all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Andy Chrisman - July 05, 2020 at 02:28 PM

SP

“ So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind.
May the peace of God be with you all.

shari perryman - July 05, 2020 at 02:00 PM

AE

“ So sorry for you loss! Prayers for the family.

Amy Evans - July 05, 2020 at 01:31 PM

SO

“ David I'm sorry for your loss

Susie Owenby - July 05, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JK

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mother. Thoughts and
Prayers for all of your family.

Janey Clevenger Kinser - July 05, 2020 at 11:43 AM

BF

“ Thoughts & prayers for the family
Brenda Fancher

Brenda Fancher - July 04, 2020 at 10:22 PM

PT

“ So sorry for your loss in our prayers

Pat & Patricia Mathis Taylor - July 04, 2020 at 12:05 PM

LD

“ *Many thoughts and prayers to all of you for your loss.*

Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson*



Linda Dawson - July 04, 2020 at 11:37 AM

WH

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Wendy Haney

wendy haney - July 04, 2020 at 09:16 AM

TG

“ *Chad, Brooke & Family*
So sorry for your loss. Keeping y'all in my thoughts and prayers

Tracy Grigsby - July 03, 2020 at 07:31 PM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. We, Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice loved Ms Burchette. She volunteered in our flower ministry. Her arrangements brought many smiles to the faces of our patients. She sure knew how to brighten the day for others in need. She sure will be missed. During your time of sorrow, may you know you are in God's arms and our Prayers.



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matt 5:4
With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis
Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice

Tammy Francis - July 03, 2020 at 01:54 PM

LB

“ Love and prayers for you and your families ,may God be with you during this sad time in your lives ,and give you all peace and comfort . Bobby, Linda Blair ,

linda blair - July 03, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Etholeen Burchette.



July 03, 2020 at 12:54 PM

SS

“ Kurt and I were very sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Burchette. Your entire family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Kurt and Sacha Steele

Sacha Steele - July 03, 2020 at 12:22 PM

GG

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Eddie and Gail Gray

Gail Gray - July 05, 2020 at 12:39 PM

GK

“ Danny, Joe and family, Dot and I were so very sorry to hear of your loss.



Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker - July 03, 2020 at 10:10 AM

SD

“ In deepest sympathy for your loss, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherrie Dillard - July 03, 2020 at 08:32 AM

MC

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this time of loss.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - July 03, 2020 at 08:24 AM

LB

“ *A wonderful lady with a wonderful legacy! Our deepest condolences to all family and loved ones.*

Larry and Vickie Butler - July 03, 2020 at 08:23 AM

LH

“ *Prayers!*



Louise and Jimmy Hux - July 03, 2020 at 01:12 AM

RF

“ *I bet Mrs. Burchette watched 500 basketball games on her driveway court.....The Castle Heights gang played many a game there. A gracious lady; she and my Mother and shared many recipes. I will always cherish growing up on the hill in the Castle Heights neighborhood, and Mrs. Burchette was a big part of that...*

Ray Fancher - July 02, 2020 at 10:41 PM

PB

All are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find peace and comfort in the days to come.

Paula Bearden - July 05, 2020 at 01:07 PM

MW

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Missy Wood*

Missy and Mike Wood - July 02, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Etholeen Burchette.*



July 02, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the family during the time of loss.*

Benjamin Evans - July 02, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your lives one. Prayers for peace and comfort for all of you*

*My deepest condolences
Cindy Wise and family*

Cindy Wise - July 02, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *She was always a delight here at the office. I have such wonderful memories of her arranging flowers for other patients facing end of life. The arrangements were always beautiful..... and she always had her pocketbook hanging from her arm.*

Teresa Buckner - July 02, 2020 at 01:13 PM

GM

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss.* ”



gail metcalf - July 02, 2020 at 01:12 PM

TB

“ *Teresa Buckner sent a virtual gift in memory of Etholeen Burchette* ”



Teresa Buckner - July 02, 2020 at 01:09 PM