



Jeanette Francis

September 28, 1933 - May 25, 2019

Jeanette Francis awoke in the arms of Jesus on Saturday, May 25, 2019. Always faithful, He bore all her burdens and fought all her battles until they were won.

Jeanette was the youngest and the last surviving child of William Green Jones and Milia Jane Black Jones, having been predeceased by brothers, Paul, Ray, and Everette Jones and sister, Opal Shahan.

Born on September 28, 1933 on Cripple Creek, between Hartford and Grassy Fork in the mountains of Cocke County, Jeanette grew up playing in the cantilever barn of her grandparents, Matthew Black and Margaret Caroline Hannah Black on Black's Mountain. Her grandmother Margaret Caroline was from Cataloochee, North Carolina, which is now part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Jeanette often talked about going to Cataloochee as a child, and as an adult, she often returned to Cataloochee for decoration and homecoming.

Jeanette attended Hartford School before her family moved to Newport when she was a teenager. Jeanette, who was of the Baptist faith, attended a tent revival held by Rev. Joe Bullard and met John E. Francis of the Chestnut Hill community. Rev. Bullard married them on July 9, 1955 at his home in Knoxville.

Jeanette worked at Firestone and Emerson Electric in Newport, but most of her working life was spent as a partner with her husband in the family wholesale grocery and produce business, Francis Produce, for over 22 years

until 2000 when they both retired.

Jeanette was a great country cook and fed many family members, friends, and neighbors at her table over the years. She loved flowers and plants and was looking forward to working in her flowers this spring. She also loved and cared for many family pets over the years. She loved her family and was a trusted friend, a dedicated worker, and a loyal neighbor.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John E. Francis of Newport; son, Mike Francis and wife, Connie, of Murfreesboro; daughter Joyce and husband, Benny Conley, of Tellico Village; and son, Mark Francis of Union, Kentucky. She is also survived by five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Anna Mae Abbott of Sevierville.

The family would like to thank Barbara, Judith, Kim, Chaplain Don, and everyone from Amedysis Hospice for their wonderful care and support.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 28 from 6 pm to 8 pm, at Manes Funeral Home. The funeral will be on Wednesday, May 29 at 2:00 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Glen Bradley officiating. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

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

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanette Francis*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Prayers!*

Louise and Jimmy Hux - June 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *John my thoughts and prayers are with you Mike, Joyce and Mark.*

Doug Hinkle - May 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *John, Mike, Joyce, Mark and families, I am so sorry for your loss. Jeanette was such a sweet lady. I remember Cheryl and I growing up on White Oak St. that our backyards were connected. My prayers are with you all.*

Glenda Dean (Ealy) McNealy - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jeanet she will be missed prayers for the family*

Sandra Wilhoit - May 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *John, we are saddened to learn of your wife's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

Mackey & Michelle Winter - May 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss buddy you have have my prayers!

Mitch Coakley - May 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Joyce, I am so very sorry for your & your families loss. I did not know your mother but can tell from her picture and the wonderful obituary, that she was a special lady. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bobbie Jo Ellis - May 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Faye Brooks - May 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I always found it difficult to decide whether to call this wonderful lady Mrs Francis or Jeanette. áMrs Francis because I respected her so much, and Jeanette because she was unpretentious and a wonderful friend to me. áI knew her for over 46 years - me an

David Doyle Smith - May 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ John and family, we are very sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts for the family.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - May 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ John, Mike, Joyce and Mark, I am so very sorry for the loss of the most beautiful woman in our lives. She was always smiling and always giving. Her garden was always beautiful just like her Children. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sarah Morgan Shaver - May 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Jeanette in years but I remember her to be a very sweet lady! The family will be in my prayers.

Brenda Williamson Holt - May 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Mark, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Angie Epley - May 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM