



## Margaret Rhea Hughes

June 3, 1941 - July 21, 2011

Margaret Rhea Hughes (née Hensley), 70, of Bybee, Tennessee went home to her heavenly Father on Thursday morning, July 21, 2011. Born in Del Rio on June 3, 1941 to Leslie and Zora Hensley (née Black), Margaret graduated from Cocke County High School with the Class of 1959, worked for South Central Bell and General Electric, but was primarily a homemaker, beloved mother, and treasured wife.

She is survived by her dearly loved husband of almost 44 years, Gary A. Hughes. Margaret and Gary resided in Rockford, Illinois from 1967 to 1978, and in the Memphis area from 1978 to 2000, before retiring to Bybee, Tennessee.

Margaret and surviving husband Gary have been blessings to those fortunate enough to meet them. They often "gave" each other Christmas gifts of groceries which they delivered to needy families, and bought bicycles for Newport Fire Department's Toys for Tots each December. They taught their children the importance of persistence, inner-strength, and confidence through both their words and deeds. Precious parents and genuine champions of life-long learning, Margaret and husband Gary created a nurturing home where education was revered as an enjoyable privilege, a valuable investment, and a passionate mission. They both provided a home filled with genuine affection, home-cooked food, good books, and family values.

Left to mourn her passing are two children, daughter Dr. Cindy Vassar and

son-in-law Rick Vassar, and son Allen Hughes. Her favorite grandchild, James Dylan Walker of Newport, was a 2009 CCHS honor graduate, Tennessee Scholar, and Quinn Scholar at ETSU.

Margaret is predeceased by her brother Leslie "Buck" Hensley of Newport, sister Grace Jean Rice of Bybee, and brother-in-law Gene Rice of Bybee. She is survived by brothers Mike Hensley of Newport, David Hensley of Newport, Gary and Joyce Hensley of Galax, Virginia, sister Kim Jones of Newport, and brother Brian and Betty Hensley of Newport. Margaret is also survived by many special nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. Margaret requested a "Celebration of Life" --- including funny stories and laughter and memories. Rick Hollifield will officiate. Friends and family are invited to this memorial on Saturday, July 30th at 4 p.m. at Bruner's Grove United Methodist Church in Bybee, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be forwarded to Newport Animal Shelter, 420 Humane Way, Newport, Tennessee 37821.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands'. II  
Corinthians 5:1

Family and friends may sign on-line at:[www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Rhea Hughes*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Class of 59*

**Nancy Bustler Valentine** - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cindy, my deepest sympathy goes out to you and all of your family.*

**Sandy Webb** - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *For Cindy: Our pain has been shared on so many levels. Isn't it a comfort to know that maybe our mommas are getting to know each other at this very moment in Heaven? I hope to see you Saturday. If not, I am with you in spirit, and I'll see you Monday!*

**Carol and Ken Johnson** - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margaret Rhea Hughes*

**Wilma O'Dell Bible** - July 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Margaret's passing. She was truly one of a kind and it was always fun to see her. Keeping all of you in our prayers.  
Chris & Mary-Elizabeth*

**Chris Ford** - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. She was a lovely lady, and I feel blessed that she was in my life if only for a brief time. May God stay close by and provide all the love and strength needed through this most difficult time.

Sherry Hensley - July 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Kim I was so sorry to hear about your sister you are in my prayers

Lisa Holbert - July 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

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

Anna Ruth Murrell - July 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We were classmates. She was a good friend.

Ila Ruth Edmonds - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ MIKE & BRIAN WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR SISTER. AUDREY RICE & NATHAN OWENBY

AUDREY RICE - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Betty and Fred

Betty Romines - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Margaret Rhea Hughes*

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**Kaye Bryant Balch** - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM