



## Martha Grigsby Holt

September 27, 1942 - April 30, 2020

Martha Grigsby Holt, age 77, of Newport, went to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 30, 2020 surrounded by the love of her family.

Parkinson's may have taken her physical abilities away but her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be in peace. Music, Laughter and Love are guaranteed. Food is delicious and you will never gain an ounce. Martha retired as a Teachers Aide from Del Rio Elementary School where she enjoyed helping children reach their full potential. She was a devout Christian and a devoted wife.

She lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures: enjoying family gatherings where Martha was expected to make her awesome potato salad, occasional weekend getaways in Pigeon Forge and vacations at the beach. Martha leaves behind a bouquet of beautiful memories for she was kind and welcoming to every person she encountered. She had an infectious smile, a kind compassionate spirit and a great love for her family.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband; Everett Grigsby, father and mother; Conley and Rosie Black, sisters, Helen Raines Fine and Willa Dean Worley, nephews, David Raines and Mickey Ray Ogle.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Bill Holt of Newport, sons, Jeff (Vonda) Grigsby of Del Rio, and Marty (Tanya) Grigsby of Dandridge, grandchildren, Brandon Grigsby and Brittney Grigsby of Dandridge, stepchildren, Ben (Heather) Holt of Newport, and Melanie (Jonathan) Askew of Newport, step grandchildren, Cole Askew, Carter Holt and Emalyn Holt of

Newport, sisters, Pauline (Ronald) Raines of Newport, Maxine (Groman) Black of Cosby and Connie (Joe) Hembree of Cosby, brothers, Robert (Mary Kate) Black of Newport, and Jimmy Black of Del Rio; lifelong friend Ester Brown and a host of special friends and cousins.

Martha's life was a blessing, her memory a treasure; she loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.

The family would like to express a sincere thank you to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice nurses for their kind and compassionate care. The family would like to give special thanks to Kay Hawk for the wonderful care she provided Martha.

Family, friends and others whose lives Martha has touched are invited to attend the graveside service at 2:00 pm Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Mulberry Gap Cemetery, with Rev. David Alder and Rev. David Marshall officiating.

Martha will lie in state for viewing from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Sunday at the cemetery prior to the graveside service.

For those who attend please follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and personal safety.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on one at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Grigsby Holt*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Love and prayers for the family during this time*



**Mary Sharon** - May 05, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your sweet Martha. She was my lunch aide helper @ Del Rio School. She was always so sweet and had a smile on her face. She always had something nice and encouraging to say. I loved her so much. She will be greatly missed.  
Lots of Love  
Christie (Haney) Williams*

**christie williams** - May 03, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *Thinking of you these last few days & beyond. Prayers in knowing the love & care you gave her.*

**DebbieWilliams** - May 03, 2020 at 01:27 PM

TB

“ *Bill & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time & the days ahead.*  
*Terry & Sherry Butler*

Terry & Sherry Butler - May 03, 2020 at 11:36 AM

SC

“ *She was such a sweet lady. Always kind, she will certainly be missed, prayers for Bill and all family*

sheila coggins - May 03, 2020 at 08:52 AM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort.*

Steven & Kristie Suggs - May 03, 2020 at 08:29 AM

MG

“ *"Do not let your adornment be merely outward- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel- rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God." (1 Peter 3: 3-4 NKJV)*



*Doesn't that kind of describe Martha? She was a special lady and a "virtuous woman" (Proverbs 31).*

*We are blessed to have known her.*

*David and Maritsa Green and family*

Maritsa Green - May 02, 2020 at 11:28 PM

GB

“ Martha and I worked together many years ago at Del Rio School. She was a wonderful friend and co-worker. Glenda Reese Beirnes

Glenda Beirnes - May 02, 2020 at 06:12 PM

CI

“ Bill, the girls and I are praying for you and your family. We loved Martha. She was so kind and a true example of a Godly Lady. I will never forget her humble testimony, and how she always made sure Shaun had chess pie. She will be greatly missed.

Chassie, Tristen, & Loren Inman - May 02, 2020 at 05:50 PM

WR

“ so sorry for your loss she was so pretty and kind to all people I will always remember MARTHA love you Wilma & D C Ramsey

Wilma Ramsey - May 02, 2020 at 05:38 PM

AF

“ Martha was always such a kind person. She had a wonderful sweet personality. She will be missed by so many. It has been a blessing to have known her.  
Alice Freeman

Alice Freeman - May 02, 2020 at 05:20 PM

RD

“ Bill, we are so sorry for your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ronnie and Phyllis Douglas - May 02, 2020 at 04:48 PM

ER

“ Martha and I worked together at Del Rio School. She was a wonderful person to work with. She was a great friend, such a warm, kind, caring person. We shared many good hours together. It was a privilege to have been able to work with her. I have great memories of her.

*Erica Reese*

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**Erica Reese** - May 02, 2020 at 01:34 PM

BP

“ So sorry for your loss prayers

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**Brenda phillips** - May 02, 2020 at 01:00 PM

SM

“ Marty and Jeff we are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. I Loved working with Martha. If you were having a bad day, all you had to do was pass Martha in the hall, and that Beautiful Smile would bring a smile to your face. God gave her a gift of Beauty, both inside and out, to spread His Love everywhere she went! Martha left behind a Godly testimony to everyone. Now her Beautiful Soul is making Heaven Shine Brighter! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! With Much Love,

*Susan, Tommy, and Joyce Messer*



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**Susan Messer-Foshie** - May 02, 2020 at 09:40 AM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Maurice Crum** - May 02, 2020 at 02:21 AM

JS

“ *A beautiful woman, in all ways. I know you will miss her. Love, Jane Smith*

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**Jane Smith** - May 01, 2020 at 08:53 PM

TH

“ *Teresa (Griffie) Hunter lit a candle in memory of Martha Grigsby Holt*



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**Teresa (Griffie) Hunter** - May 01, 2020 at 11:24 AM

TH

“ *Jeff, Marty and your families-I am SO very sorry to hear that your mom passed away! So many memories flooded my mind of when dad (Shorty Griffie) pastored Round Mountain, and the many Sunday afternoon we spent at your mom & dad's house. She was such a good cook, and they made us feel like we were part of the family. Life is never the same once you lose your mom & dad....it will be 3 yrs in July when we lost both mom & dad, 11 days apart. I will be praying for you all, that God will comfort, strengthen & uphold you all now and in the days to come. God bless you! Teresa (Griffie) Hunter*

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**Teresa (Griffie) Hunter** - May 01, 2020 at 11:21 AM

MB

“ *Heartfelt condolences.*

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**Melissia R. Ball** - May 01, 2020 at 09:19 AM

LO

“ *Jeff and Family*  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time and the upcoming days.*  
*Paul Keller and Family*

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**Lisa Ottinger** - May 01, 2020 at 08:38 AM

SH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Such a sweet lady. Spanky and Barbara Holt*

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**Spanky & Barbara Holt** - May 01, 2020 at 08:11 AM

JH

“ *So sorry for your loss. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Janie Holt-Davis** - May 01, 2020 at 07:11 AM

FF

“ *Faye Self Frazier lit a candle in memory of Martha Grigsby Holt*



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**Faye Self Frazier** - May 01, 2020 at 06:08 AM

LR

“ *Miss Martha will always be one of my favorites. So sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers*



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**Lisa Reece** - May 01, 2020 at 12:52 AM



“ *Connie, we are so sorry to hear of your sisters passing.. You all are in our thoughts and prayers..  
Larry and Patty Stephenson..*



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**Pat Evans Larry Stephenson** - April 30, 2020 at 10:09 PM

LW

“ *Martha was my mamaw Etta Mae Gibbs best friend and my great aunt Esther brown they all three were together when I was growing up I have wonderful memories of her and I know that she is up in heaven with my mamaw Etta and having a good o time .. prayers with her family Lori Gibbs Worex*

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**Lori Gibbs Worex** - April 30, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Will be keeping you all in my prayers and thoughts in the day's ahead.*

*Maxine Clark Staton*



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**Maxine Clark Staton** - April 30, 2020 at 09:26 PM

TS

“ *I rode the school bus with Martha. She was always a friend to everyone, a beautiful person with a beautiful heart and soul. Rest In Peace my friend.*

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**Tim Self** - April 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM

WS

“ Sorry for your loss, I know what you’re going through. The family will be in our prayers.

Willie and Lisa Strange - April 30, 2020 at 09:12 PM

BC

“ So sorry for your loss. Martha was one of the sweetest People I have ever know.

Betty Coffey - April 30, 2020 at 09:07 PM

MG

“ I have so many fond memories of Martha. She was a wonderful person and a great cook. Used to love church picnics with her. She made the best barbecue chicken! I know she will be missed, but she is in a much better place and is not suffering anymore. You all are in my prayers.

Mark Grigsby - April 30, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss



Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - April 30, 2020 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ Jimmy And Charlotte Blazer lit a candle in memory of Martha Grigsby Holt



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**Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer** - April 30, 2020 at 08:42 PM

KK

“ Prayers for the family. You had a wonderful mother ❤️ she was a very great person and loved my son Brandon Kelley . We have great memories and I know you all have great memories of her. Praying that God will hold you close to him during this difficult time.



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**Kathy Kelley** - April 30, 2020 at 07:26 PM

BG

“ Bill and family...So sorry for your loss. Lifting up prayers for the entire family.

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**Bobby and Carole Grooms** - April 30, 2020 at 06:30 PM

NR

“ We loved Ms. Martha. She was a very sweet and compassionate individual. Our hearts break for the loss of such a wonderful lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with Billy and the family.

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**NMC Rehab** - April 30, 2020 at 03:12 PM

GM

“ *I could not have asked for a more special friend than Martha. The memories of her will remain in my heart, always. A true treasure....*



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**gail metcalf** - April 30, 2020 at 02:55 PM

GB

“ *We loved you Martha and we miss you  
Groman and Maxine Black*



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**Groman and Maxine Black** - April 30, 2020 at 02:40 PM