



Mary Agnes Cureton Franks

January 23, 1915 - February 11, 2009

Mary Agnes Cureton Franks, age 94, life-long resident of Newport, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2009 after an extended illness.

She was a graduate of Cocke County High School and Knoxville Business College. She was a legal secretary and executive secretary for 30 years, member of the Newport Business Women's Club and the Twentieth Century Club. She was an 80 year member of First United Methodist Church; served on numerous church committees; president of her Sunday School Class; member of the church's Frankie Russell Circle and the Ladies Bible Class.

Mrs. Franks was dearly loved by her family and friends. She was a friend and inspiration to many and was loved by all who knew her. Her extended family extends its deep appreciation to her many friends, particularly Gene and Truby Sawyer, who showed great care and kindness in recent years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, of 63 years, James S. Franks, Sr.; infant daughter, Elizabeth Franks; parents, J.H. "Pat" and Otta Lee Harper Cureton; a special second mother, Aunt Ethel Cureton; brothers, Bartley, Glen and Ralph Cureton.

She is survived by her son, James S. Franks, Jr., of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; nieces, Norma Jean Myers and husband, Freddy Myers, of Newport, Betty Harper, of Newport, Dinese Ottinger of Kansas City, MO, and Sally Woth of Atlanta, GA; nephews, Billy Pat Cureton, of Newport, Douglas Ottinger and his wife Cindy of Detroit, MI; also numerous great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. Saturday Feb. 14, 2009 at the funeral home and from 1-3 pm Sunday, February 15, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church. Funeral services following at 3:00 pm Sunday, with Rev. Rick Spell and Marta Cogburn officiating. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church Youth Program, 212 Washington Ave., Newport, TN 37821.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Agnes Cureton Franks*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Jimmy, I just got word of your Mom's passings. She was such a gracious lady. I remember your Mom and Dad always made such a striking couple. Although I have been away from Newport for over thirty years, your Mom and Dad always remembered me when I came ba*

Frieda Ball Hartsell - February 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you. Ginni Walker Foust*

Ginni Walker Foust - February 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim, I thought very highly of both your mom and dad. You mom was a lady in the truest sense of the word and was very kind to all. I know how much you will miss her. God Bless You*

Linnie Cline Denton - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Such a beautiful, kind and elegant lady. We feel blessed to have known her. Charlotte Mims and Shari Perryman*

charlott Charlotte mims and Shari Perryman - February 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *our deepest sympathies*

jerry and angie black - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *A GREAT LADY WHO WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF THE COMMUNITY. GOD REST HER SOUL AND KEEP HER CLOSE TO HIM.*

RUTH H WILSON - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Dear Jim..... We are sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. Both she and your dad have been special people to both us for many years.Jane and Walt Anen*

Jane and Walter Anen - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *James, your mother was one of the sweetest people I knew, and I know she will be missed by many. You were so blessed to have such wonderful parents. Dorothy*

Dorothy Jones Eggleston - February 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Your family is my thoughts and prayers.*

Janey Clevenger Kinser - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Mrs. Franks will be truly missed. The entire family are in my prayers. Take care and may God bless you all. Brandi Moore, LPN*

Brandi Moore - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ We enjoyed knowing Mr. and Mrs. Franks for years at church. They were really nice, kind people who were always good to everyone. Mrs. Franks was an inspiration to all of us.

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Jim, While we lived in Newport, we were honored to have known your Mom and Dad. We grew to love them and treasured our fellowship with them at First Methodist Church. Although it is never easy when we lose a loved one, it is comforting to know that your

Leon & Martha Jane Broyles - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Mary Agnes Cureton Franks

Shawn, Kathy, and Elizabeth Hemsworth - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jimmy - I am so sorry. Thinking of your parents brings back many warm memories.

Judy Freeman - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Judy Griffin Freeman - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ During the time we lived in Newport we always found Mrs Franks to be a true and dear friend.

Mr.& Mrs. Monty Shields - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Mary Agnes Cureton Franks*

Mary Ramsey - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Mary Agnes Cureton Franks*

Jamie Cody, Lindsey and Cody Naillon - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Mary Agnes Cureton Franks*

Vonn Ray & Hazel Murrell - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *You are in our prayers.*

Tommy & Waynella Ivy Large - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ *Mary Agnes Cureton Franks*

Hank & Louise (Sweeten) Kilgore - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Mary Agnes Cureton Franks*

Wiley & Kate Morgan - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FP

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RP

“ *Our Condolences and Memories of such a wonderful lady. Our Love to the family, Robert and Martha*

Robert and Martha Pack - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM