



Peggy Downer

August 14, 1933 - May 13, 2019

Peggy Swagerty Downer, born August 14, 1933 in Newport, to Luther and Adelaide Swagerty, passed away, Monday, May 13, 2019. She moved to Knoxville to live with two aunts Irene Posey and Blanch Posey. She had one uncle Paul Posey who also preceded her in death. She attended Austin High School where she graduated in 1952. She moved to Hartford, Connecticut where she met Donald Downer, whom she married in Newport in 1960. She and Donald were married for 59 years. In addition she was preceded in death by her brothers Johnny and Freddie Swagerty and a sister-in-law Arnell Swaggerty. She is survived by her brothers Richard (Julia) Swagerty of Grand Rapids, MI and Luther Swaggerty of Kingsport; nephew and devoted caregiver Keith Swaggerty of Kingsport; sisters-in-law Geraldine Swaggerty and Nellie Swagerty; special friends Renae Hannon and Mike and Pam Hannon; also several nieces and nephews. The family would like to say a special "Thank You" to the employees of the Wellington Manor of Newport and to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice. The family will receive friends from 12:00-1:00 pm, Monday, May 20, 2019. Funeral Services will follow at 1:00 pm on Monday in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Mike Hannon officiating. Burial will follow the funeral service in Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Peggy Downer*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Peggy you were always one of my favorites. I would see your name on the schedule and it would put me in a good mood. God bless you and Heaven has gained an awesome angel.*

Dr. Kurt and Sacha Steele - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *To my God Mother Peggy, You will truly be missed. I will miss our long phone conversations, your laughter and your sweet "just thinking of you" notes you will send me. You were a bright light in my life and will continue to be. I send my cond*

Jacqueline Wright - May 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *To one of my best friends in the world. My condolences to your family. you will truly be missed. love you always. your good friend Rose Wright. rest in peace*

Rose Wright - May 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *áÆm so glad I got to know this funny sweet lady áshe will be missed áRIP beautiful angel á?? love you lotsá*

Jennifer costello - May 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM