



Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

March 30, 1922 - January 8, 2016

Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt, age 93, went to her Heavenly home on January 8, 2016 surrounded by her family. She was born March 30, 1922 in the Caton's Grove Community of Cocke County.

Wilma was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was known for her unconditional love, great faith, compassion, and service to her community and church. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe C. Proffitt, Sr; parents, James and Nancy Presnell-Bell; mother and father-in-law Arlie and Edna Proffitt; brothers, Chester (Revel) Bell, James Bell, Charles Bell, and Edmond Bell; sisters, Mary Bell (Doyle) Smith, Dorothy Bell Ogle, Louise Bell Kyker, and Aileen Bell. She was also preceded in death by brothers-in-law, Charles Kuzmaul, Charles (Mabel) Proffitt; and sisters- in -law Ima Kate (Ellis) Williams, Otha Proffitt, and Lois Proffitt.

She is survived by her children, Joe (Linda) Proffitt, Marilyn (Charles) Benson, Louise (Jimmy) Hux, Benny (Marilou) Proffitt and honorary son, Bill (Melanie) Duncan. Grandchildren: Shannon (Jeff) Smith, Chuck (Tabbatha) Benson, Dustin (Jennifer) Hux, Alecia (Chris) Allen, Whitney Holt, Mandy (Eric) Gregg, Shawndee (Jason) Lovoy, BJ (Melissa) Proffitt, Travis (Cristy) Proffitt, Joey (Jackie) Proffitt, and honorary grandson Derrick Duncan; great grandchildren Harrison, Elizabeth, and Emersen Smith; Abby, Jake, and Cooper Benson; Emory Addison, and Bristol Hux; Ty and Tatum Allen; Rebecca Laws, Joseph

Holt; Aaron and Madilynn Gregg; Isaac, Juliette, James, and Mary Rose Lovoy; Carsyn and Kailyn Proffitt; and Ruby, Griffin, and Priscilla Proffitt; brother, Clyde (Elsie) Bell; sister, Hazel Kuszmaul; and brothers-in-law Denzil Proffitt and Roy Proffitt

She is also survived by a multitude of cousins, nieces, nephews, close friends, and church friends everywhere.

The family will receive friends at Memorial Baptist Church on Monday, January 11, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 7:00 pm at the Memorial Baptist Church with Pastor Harold Ball officiating. Interment will be held at Union Cemetery on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, gift donations may be made to First Priority Global, 3108 Natom A Circle, Thompson Station, TN 37179; Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice, 222 Heritage Blvd, Newport, TN 37821; or Memorial Baptist Church, PO Box 1132, Newport, TN 37822.

The family would like to thank Tennova Newport Medical Center and Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice for the excellent care provided.

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

Arrangement by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Mamaw Proffitt will be missed by all that knew her. Will be praying for the family during your loss*

Elizabeth - January 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *We loved Mrs. Proffitt- she was such a kind-hearted person and always had a smile on her face. Mamaw and Papaw always talked about how much they loved her bread, too. She will be missed!*

Katie Lamb - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am grateful for even just the two or three times I got to be around her and in her home. She was fantastic and such a great hostess and homemaker. I hope Marilou and Benny will get me her recipe for frozen strawberry jam! I know that as much as she will*

Dan and Sybil Johnson - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!*

Rob and Lisa Myers - January 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy.*

Irene Hance - January 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Sorry to learn of your loss. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kay and Kim Gregg - January 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Wilma Proffitt's life, from being born to the end of life on earth, spoke for itself. "The Virtuous Woman", she was. In a beautiful Heaven Jesus welcomed his "Angel" home, my good and faithful servant. Deepest sympathy and love to the family. Wilma Drin

Wilma Drinnon - January 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Linda, I so sorry to hear of your mother-in-laws passing. I know you have the best of memories since you had a wonderful relationship with her. Karen

KAREN ALDRIDGE - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

CHRIS, WENDY & ANDY HOGAN - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Louise So sorry for the loss of your Mom. I remember her helping at Kiddie Korner when my daughters went there.. She was such a sweet person. Our prayers are with you and your family. Sherry & Len Frisbee

Sherry & Len Frisbee - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

EVELYN ROBERTS - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Matthew Winter - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Terry & Sherry Ottinger - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *So sorry for your loss, praying for the family.*

Lynnette Denton - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Mackey and Michelle Winter - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Proffitt's passing. She was a wonderful lady and a great cook. Prayers for the family!*

Beth Cruz - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Presnell - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ May the eternal promise of Jesus bring you comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time. With Deepest Sympathy, Ralph & Lula Ozmun

Lula Ozmun - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ May the precious memories of your sister, mother, & grandmother carry you through these difficult times. Words cannot possibly begin to ease your hurt and sorrow, but please remember that we care about your hurting heart and share in your sorrow. With Lo

Tammy Francis - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Aunt Wilma was always on my "must visit" list whenever my family got to Tennessee. My children will always remember her kindness and playing in her back yard with the visiting neighbor's cattle/horses. We Love You Aunt Wilma!

Rob Stephenson - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ To all the Proffitt clan, Mrs. Proffitt was one of the kindest souls I ever met; what peace to know that she is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Mrs. Proffitt was what Christianity is all about.

Alice Ford Miller - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

June Shropshire - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ So sorry for your loss she will be misses by all who knew her Lois Donley

Lois Donley - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Jimmy & Shelia Owens - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

Ben & Jill Butler - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy Doug and Joyce Shoemaker

Doug and Joyce Shoemaker - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Julie Shropshire Cervantez - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our condolences to your family. May God bless you and provide comfort and peace.

Dennis and Sierra Wilds and Hayden & Shawna - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Celeste Collins - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Wilma meant the world to me. She has helped me so many times over the years. She also taught me how to make bread. I loved her so much. She will be missed.

Bobbie Hall - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ The tide recedes, but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand. The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers in the land. The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains. For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains. Our thou

Joey & Diana McGaha - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I can't remember a time in my life when I didn't know who "Mrs. Proffitt" was. I will miss her and God has claimed another angel with her presence. I am sorry for your loss, I can only imagine your empitiness. Love, Joye

Joye Peters - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I met Mrs. Proffitt only once. She welcomed me into her home and showed me the beautiful jewelry she was creating. She was so full of energy with such a beautiful smile. I praise God that she is in the presence of Jesus. I am praying the good memories of

Louisea Suggs - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Maurice Robinson - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *She will be missed, but her example of a Christian life will be remembered. Celebrate her life and praise her Lord because she is certainly rejoicing in His presence.*

Charles & Joyce Slagle - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *We are so sorry at the passing of this beautiful lady! We could not make the service but your family is in our prayers. Robin Nelson and Steven Glass*

Robin Nelson - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *So many of us grew up with your Mother in our lives and we all loved her and her family. She was always there with a smile and a hug. Truly one of my favorite people. Will be praying for all of you in your sorrow.*

Connie Campbell Dunn - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Heaven surely is rejoicing over its newest angel.. I am so blessed to have know this kind loving lady. From the first day I met her until the last time I saw her she was always the same. Giving God praise and sharing her love. We always said to each othe*

Sharleen Sane - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *She won the gold!!!! I can see that smile seeing Jesus!!! What a wonderful life she had and a beautiful family! She had it all on earth and she has it all in heaven! Jesus!!!! Love yall*

Kevin and Donna Lamb - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Our deepest sympathy, Todd and Tammy Presnell Binkley*

Tammy Binkley - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Wilma was a wonderful christian lady and has left a lasting testimony of her walk with the Lord.*

Jerry Phillips - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

mansfield mcmahan - January 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *You have my deepest sympathy Mary Ruth McGhee*

Mary Ruth McGhee - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Steve Webb - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Brenda Crumbley - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.*

Sandy Webb - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

Linnie Denton - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *sorry for your loss.*

jeff grigsby - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Don and Ella Mae Large - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My prayers go out to the family. She will be missed.*

Darius Marra & Family - January 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead. Ms.Proffitt will be greatly missed by all.*

Parker, Nanette Wilds & Jeanette Lankford - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Proffitt was my kindergarten teacher. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

Veronica (Ronnie) Wilder Tenut - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ A precious sister and dear aunt, Wilma was love, kindness and service without measure. No situation was so tough that she couldn't love everyone through it. Her wit and wisdom and cooking were balms that soothed and encouraged. We will hold her in our h

Hazel and Marcia Kuszmaul - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Wilma's family; God bless you and comfort you in her passing from this life; knowing that Wilma has entered thru the gates of heaven into the splendor of realms we cannot even imagine; in the Presence of her Lord & Savior Jesus C

Bill & Marty Medford - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Mr and Mrs Proffitt and their family were so special to me, my sister Jorja and my brother James Allen. We moved to Newport when I was 5 and Jorja was 4. We didn't know anyone other than the Runnions. The Proffitts treated us like grandchildren. I was so

Tandy Painter Lyles - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Joe and all family , so sorry for your loss. May God bless and give strength in this of sorrow.

Charles W. Lewis - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Proffitt was my kindergarten teacher. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this difficult time.

Veronica (Ronnie) Wilder Tenut - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I was deeply saddened to read of the passing of this beautiful, saintly lady. She was a woman of strength and exemplary faith who leaves a legacy of great deeds and good will. I have been truly honored and blessed to have known her. My heartfelt condol

Linda Sprouse Britton - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Mrs. Proffitt was such a loving and kind friend through the generations to many of our family members. I never saw her without a smile and kind word, and her Christian faith was so evident in the walk she walked. She and my mother were really good frie

Bill Pace - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

%S

“ Our deepest sympathies for your lose. She was a wonderful lady loved by all who knew her. God bless.

% Janie and Ray Suttles - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ We are sorry for the loss of this sweet lady.

Earl & Ila Ruth Edmonds - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Such a great lady and the best cook I've ever known. Good memories of her holiday treats she loved to share. Prayers for her family. Love Whitney and Mandy.

Kim (Taylor) Ball - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Angelica Nolasco - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Danny and Gwen Dover - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *We are very saddened to hear about Ms Wilma. She was such a loving lady to our family. She always had a smile and was such an encouragement. What a legacy! She is smiling with her Saviour now I know. Love Jeff and Sherrie Weeks*

Sherrie Weeks - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *A wonderful lady that will be missed by so many. Heaven now has another beautiful angel.*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *So wish I could be there, she was such a special lady! Loved her so much! Love to all of the family! God bless you all!!*

Christy caughtron - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *sorry for your loss*

audrey owenby - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I loved Ms. Wilma. She was so very good to my grandmother Ruth and to all of us kiddos at church growing up. I love you all and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Jandie Hartsell Cummings - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Praying for you all as you celebrate Wilmas graduation May you each be saturated with the peace that passes understanding and comforted by Precious Memories!

Sarah Lowe - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Chuck & Sue Mantooth - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our sincerest sympathy!

Bettye S Carver - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Benny & Marilou and Family.... Our thoughts and prayers are with you this weekend.

Bill & Von Jenkins - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Shannon Nunley Salters - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *My thoughts and prayers for a wonderful family.*

Marty Coakley - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Marilyn and family, so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Susan and Mary Jo Taylor*

Susan Taylor - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt*

Melissia R. Ball - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *So sorry for your loss! She was loved by many. Have a lot of good memories of our childhood at your home. Praying for comfort for all~~*

paula dunn - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *Aunt Wilma was the most loving , caring and kind person I have ever known. I loved her dearly my entire life and I always knew I could count on her for anything. I will miss her "mothering", her sweet phone calls to check on me and my family, and her swee*

Nancy Smith Lemieux - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *"A Life Well Lived".*

Leo & Diana Morrell - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *great lady she will be missed by all*

gary holt - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We are so sorry for you loss. God has a wonderful angel. What a legancy she left her family friends and anyone that met her!! We are out if town we loved her very dearly!!!!*

Jim and rennie fisher - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Maggie LuAnn Meadows - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *It gives me great honor and pride to know I have been part of the Proffitt family for so many years, and at the encouragement of Mrs. Proffitt. Through her son and my very close friend Joe Proffitt, Jr., Marilyn, Louise, and Benny, Mrs. Proffitt made su*

Kenneth Maloy - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Praise God for the life of Wilma Proffitt! What a wonderful, genteel, loving, Christian lady! I feel like a better person just knowing her!And her wonderful family exemplifies her influence in their lives. Her legacy will live forever! Comfort her family,*

Linda Dawson - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Marilyn, Louise Joe, Benny and all the family. Our hearts go out to each of you for the loss of your mother and grandmother! She was such a lovely lady and was loved by all. She will greatly be missed. Love Evelyn and Robert

Evelyn Rhodes - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ What a wonderful Christian example she set for us all on a daily basis.

John, Vida, Luke & Meredith Bell - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Your family is in our prayers

Cathy Bush - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Nise Davies - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Wilma Faye Bell Proffitt

Gerald, Dale and Nancy Raines - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Mrs. Proffit was one of my favorite mothers while I was in high school. She always welcomed me into her home without question. When I would see her in later life, she was always the same sweet mother figure. I never heard her say anything negative about a

Jimmy and Marsha Youell - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM