



Annette Matthews Ward

April 28, 1937 - August 1, 2013

Annette Matthews Ward, age 76, of Chapmansboro, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2013 at St. Thomas Mid Town Hospital. Mrs. Ward was born in Shelbyville, Tennessee to the late John and Wilma Purvis Boyce. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church and had worked in a number of clerical positions for Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance (T.O.A.) for over 30 years. Also known as “Mom,” “Ganny” and “Aunt ‘Net,” Mrs. Ward was an active, independent woman for most of her life. She was an athlete from her early years, growing up in the Unionville community, playing basketball in school. She loved to bowl and was a long-time member of a “mom’s” softball league in Coleman Park in Nashville. Her lawn and gardens were always filled with flowers and plants, and while she was healthy, could be found outdoors for hours on end. Mrs. Ward loved God, and served him faithfully all of her life. She was faithful to instill in her children the importance of trusting him in their lives. Her greatest joy came from being a mother and grandmother, and she leaves a legacy of love and sacrifice that will span several generations. When she married her husband, Joe, in late December 2005, neither of them envisioned the health challenges she would face early in their marriage. But faithful to his vows, Mr. Ward served her as a loving and devoted companion until her death. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 11 o’clock am in the chapel of Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Bro. David Price officiating. Burial will be at 2pm in the Simpson Cemetery in Rover, Tennessee with Gage Gillett, Lawrence Gunnells, Jeff

Skeith, Michael Ward, Doug Gleaves, and David Fann serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends on Monday from 4-8:00PM and again on Tuesday from 10:00AM till the hour of service. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sisters, Betty Hinson and Jean Stevenson. She is survived by her husband, Joe T. Ward; daughters, Vonda (Lawrence) Gunnells of Chapmansboro, Amy (Jeff) Skeith of Alberta, Canada; brothers, William (Mary Ellen) Boyce of Shelbyville, TN, Thomas (Linda) Boyce of Murfreesboro, John Boyce, Jr. of Unionville, TN; sisters, Martha Clark of Unionville, TN, Margaret (Jimmy Ray) Smith of Shelbyville, TN; grandchildren, Gage (Amy) Gillett, Hattie Skeith, Zoe Skeith, and Caitlin Bumpus. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME IN PLEASANT VIEW IS IN CHARGE OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

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“ Annette was such a humorous person to be around. My sister & I went to High School with her. There was no boredom around Annette. Everyone loved her.

Amy, Vonda and entire family I'm sorry she had to be so sick so long. My condolences go to her entire Boyce Family that are my friends in Unionville, TN.

"Another gift in heaven"

Love, Nell Rogers Holden

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