



Carol Bowie

February 29, 1944 - September 18, 2016

Carol Lee Davis Bowie, age 72, of Greenbrier, died September 18, 2016, at NHC in Springfield, after a 13-year-battle with non-hodgkin lymphoma cancer. She was the widow of Robin Paul Bowie, and they were married for 53 years. Born a “leap year baby” on Feb. 29, 1944 in Clarksville, TN, she was the daughter of Herbert Askew Davis and Hazel Mae Whitfield Davis, and the third of four children. She attended Austin Peay University for her freshman year, where she met her husband, married in 1963 and they had two children Jeffrey Warren and Jamie Carol Bowie.

They lived in Sumner and Houston County for seven years each before moving to Williamson County in 1977. She was a homemaker that loved cooking, an accomplished seamstress, avid gardener and farmer, loved nature, and encouraged her children in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Club, FFA and a variety of other activities. She was a second mom to many, always enjoying having an abundance of people around to feed and nurture.

She was a special education teaching assistant at Trinity Elementary in Williamson County for five years before deciding to return to college to get her B.S. in Elementary Education at MTSU in Murfreesboro. She graduated at 43 years old, and taught first grade at Bethesda Elementary in Williamson County for the next five years.

In 1994 she and her husband Robin, recently retired, sold their farm in Franklin, and moved to Robertson County, Tenn., buying the farm adjacent to his childhood family farm to produce beef cattle. In 1994 she also began teaching first grade at Pleasant View Elementary in Cheatham County. In 2001, she retired from teaching to help care for her father and mother-in-law and operate the farm.

She was a member of the Millview Church of Christ in Franklin, TN, and the Main Street Church of Christ in Springfield, TN. She loved to sing, and a few of her favorite songs were "Because He Lives," "How Great Thou Art", "In the Garden," "Jesus Loves Me" and "Amazing Grace."

She touched countless lives over her years of teaching and nurturing, and always thought of others before herself. The outpouring of love from family, friends and those she had touched throughout her life has been an humbling tribute to an amazing woman. Several of those touched by her wrote eloquent letters describing how she changed their lives.

A few lines from one of her "girls", Hattie, summarizes what many feel. "We came to the farm in droves; the young, old, short, tall and always hungry extended family that you welcomed unconditionally. You embraced us, taught us, loved us and fed us." "You changed the way people thought. You opened my mind and filled me with more dimensions to examine. You fed my love of history with stories and books."

In addition to her parents she is pre-deceased by her sister, Joyce Ann Davis Attebery. She is survived by her brothers and sister-in-laws, Herbert "Herky" and Dare Davis and Ricky and Dana Davis; son Jeffrey Warren Bowie and daughter and son-in-law Walter and Jamie Carol Dudiak, along with numerous family and friends that will miss her dearly.

Visitation will be at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 509 Walnut St., Springfield, TN, on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, from 9 a.m. until 12noon, followed by a funeral service at Noon. A brief graveside service will be held at Mt. Sharon Cemetery, followed by a "Celebration of Life" gathering at her daughter and son-in-law's home.

She wished for memorial donations to be given to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort Inc., PO Box 111180, Nashville, TN 37222-1180, <http://disasterrelieffort.org/> or Healing Hands International, <http://www.hhi.org/>.

For those wishing to send flowers, she loved daylilies, and you can order a living tribute from Oakes Daylilies in Corryton, TN, that will be planted in her memory on the farm. Choose selections at www.oakesdaylilies.com and call 800-532-9545 to place your order so they won't add individual shipping. Note they are for Carol Bowie, and they will bulk ship them to her daughter Jamie Dudiak, 2450 Bowie Rd, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Cemetery Details

Mt Sharon Cemetery

Greenbrier, TN 37073

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - September 20, 2016 at 12:14 PM



“ *The Giles Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carol Bowie.*



The Giles Family - September 20, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Thinking of you during this time of sorrow.*

Rodney Toothman - September 19, 2016 at 12:22 PM