



## Doris Beesley

March 1, 1950 - October 13, 2021

Doris Varnell Beesley, age 71, of Springfield, passed away Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at her home following a five-year battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 18, 2021 at 12pm at the Main Street Church of Christ with Brother Joe Rushing and Barry Throneberry officiating. Burial will follow in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Jim Gray, Tony Webster, Bobby Pitt, Marty Neal, Gary Gill, Joe Gordon and Jesse Parham serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Walter Pruitt, the Main Street Church of Christ Nursery Teachers and former Teachers, and the former Robertson County School Librarians.

Visitation will be held at the church on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 2-6pm and again on Monday from 10am until the hour of service at 12 Noon.

Growing up in Jackson she graduated from Jackson High School in 1968 and attended David Lipscomb University in Nashville where she graduated in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She completed a Master's Degree in early childhood education at Tennessee Technological University in 1980. Doris was employed right out of college as a kindergarten and first-grade teacher with the Robertson County Schools where she worked for 46 years. She taught classes at North Robertson, Cheatham Park and Bransford Elementary Schools and spent the last 30 years of her career as the librarian at Westside Elementary School. In 1986 she married then local radio

announcer Tom Beesley, and they spent 35 years together as a couple. Doris was a member of the Main Street church of Christ in Springfield where she served for more than 20 years as the supervisor of the church's nursery department. Her love of teaching children began as a teenage Bible School teacher in Jackson. Known for her superior organizational skills, Doris also helped supervise the church's education supply room and chaired several of the congregation's Ladies Retreats in the 1980's and 1990s.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandparents Willie Paul and Ivy Brown, an uncle: Wilson Brown and an aunt: Marguerite Wilson all of Jackson

Mrs. Beesley is survived by her husband, Tom Beesley; mother-in-law, Shirley Beesley of Murfreesboro; sisters-in-law, Kay (Bobby) Pitt of Norene, TN and Lisa (Marty) Neal of Rockvale, TN; uncle, Stanley Lee Brown of Jackson, TN; dear friends, Beverly Webster of Springfield and Belvia Pruitt of Smyrna; 6 nieces and nephews; and 12 great-nieces and nephews.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to the Main Street Church of Christ Building Fund, the Churches of Christ Disaster Fund, the Westside Elementary School Library or the Potters Children's Home. Any donations may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

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

## Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield, TN 37172

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Main Street Church of Christ  
318 N Main Street  
Springfield, TN 37172

## Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Main Street Church of Christ  
318 Main Street  
Springfield, TN 37172

## Funeral Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Main Street Church of Christ  
318 Main Street  
Springfield, TN 37172

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Mrs Beasley helped me so much when I started working at Westside Elementary School. We attended a tech conference together and had a great time. She was a wonderful and caring person. She will be greatly missed. Praying for the family. Linda Binkley*



Linda Binkley - October 23, 2021 at 07:34 AM

LB

“ *Tom, I am so sorry to hear your loss. She was a wonderful person. We miss you, and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, The Boyce Family - Jeff, Lisa, Rachel and Blake*



Lisa Boyce - October 19, 2021 at 08:45 PM

WW

“ *God Bless, Tom! You had a wonderful wife and friend. Doris truly had a servants heart.*

Will Worsham - October 17, 2021 at 01:28 PM



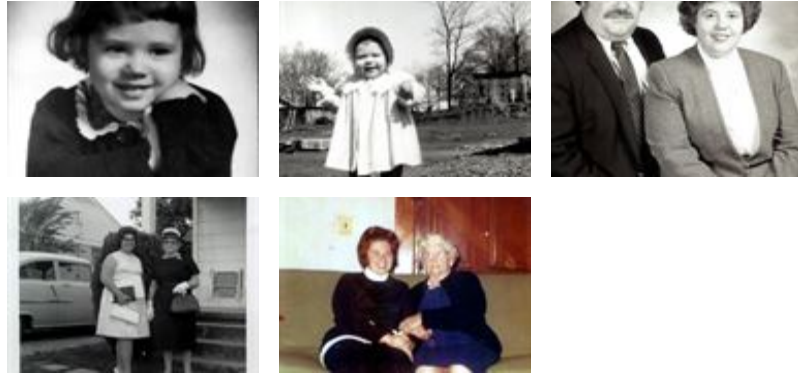
“ *Rest In Peace Doris. We shared memories of teaching Kindergarten at Bransford.*



Nancy Lewis - October 16, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - October 15, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Beesley.



October 14, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ Doris had such a love of young people and wanted them to be good, kind citizens. May her memory continue to be an inspiration to everyone who knew her.  
Peace, Kay and Hugh Braddock

Hugh and Kay Braddock - October 14, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ I have good memories of Doris attending the TN library conferences. We always had a great time. She was a sweet person.

Linda Brigance - October 14, 2021 at 03:07 PM

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“ *Linda Brigance lit a candle in memory of Doris Beesley*



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**Linda Brigance** - October 14, 2021 at 03:03 PM