



## Hazel "Mer" Rollins Oliver

June 9, 1917 - July 22, 2010

Hazel Oliver of Ashland City died at her home on Thursday, July 22, 2010, having lived life to the fullest for 93 years. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 31, at 1 o'clock pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Rev. Jerry Smith and Dr. Charles Thigpen officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park with Scott Oliver, Greg Oliver, Seth Williams, David Oliver, John Williams, Brian Smith, John Wierwille, Josh Pace, Chris Oliver, and Chad Oliver serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Ronald McGhee, Henry Fricke, Obie Miller, Ernie Miller, Jim Oliver, Jack Oliver, Ron Loftis, Ray Burch, and Jim Atwood. The family will receive friends on Friday from 5-8:00pm and again on Saturday from Noon until the hour of service. She was born on June 9, 1917, in Vanleer, Tennessee, the younger daughter of the late Reverend Willie Rollins and Lucy Dickson Rollins. Even in childhood, Hazel knew she was going to be a teacher. She loved going to school and, after graduating from Peabody College at the age of twenty, she loved being a secondary school teacher in the Nashville Public School System. She left teaching for a few years to rear her three children with her husband John, then returned to teaching in elementary schools, eventually working her way down through the grades and finding her true calling where the "real action" is, Head Start kindergarten. Hazel was known for her easy laughter, kind heart, and unselfish devotion to her immediate and extended family. She was "Mer" not only to her grandchildren and great grandchildren but to friends of all ages in her church

and community. She embraced life with zest, dignity and contentment in whatever life brought her. She was, throughout her life, a remarkable example of the wife and mother described in Proverbs 31: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates." In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John and one sister, Zelda R. Anderson. She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Nancy Oliver, Atlanta, GA; son and daughter-in law, Ted and Betty Oliver, Huntsville, AL; and daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Terry Williams, Ashland City; grandchildren and grandchildren-in-law; Scott Oliver, Decatur, AL; Donna Oliver, Decatur, AL; Greg and Stacey Oliver, Birmingham, AL; Emily and Brian Smith, Pensacola, FL; Kathryn and John Wierwille, Atlanta, GA; Seth Williams, Ashland City, TN; David Oliver, Atlanta, GA; John Williams, Dallas, TX; Beth and Josh Pace, Louisville, KY ; and great-grandchildren; Chris, Chad and Clay Oliver; Katie, Matthew and Claire Oliver; Hannah Grace and Caleb Smith; Sara Kathryn Wierwille; Riley, Ella and Olivia Pace; nieces, Carlene Fricke, Jeannie Burch, Linda Walker, Ann Loftis, Becky Atwood, Barbara Elderkin, Nancy Bellamy; nephews, Ronald McGhee, Jim Oliver, Jack Oliver, Obie Miller and Ernie Miller and many great nieces and nephews. Memorial Contributions may be made to Christ Fellowship Church Missions Fund in care of Austin & Bell Funeral Home.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ Steve, Ted, and Kathy, we were so sorry to learn that you beloved mother had passed. She was a precious person and our recollections of her are filled with the love and laughter that she showered on everyone with whom she came in contact. We cherish our memories of both of your parents and what they meant to our family. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy.

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**Janet and John Ed Tidwell** - August 01, 2010 at 06:00 PM

MT

“ My condolences. Hazel and my mother, Blair Batey, were both born on June 9th, one year apart. Mother passed away last August. I remember Kathy and Mrs. Oliver coming to the funeral home when my father died 2 years ago. I appreciated your visitation and remember with fondness our visits and all the good times we had at Bailey, East, and in Rainbow. My love to your family, Mary Jane Batey Thompson

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**Mary Jane Batey Thompson** - July 30, 2010 at 02:49 PM

JW

“ Mrs. Oliver was always very kind and a special friend to us over the years.

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**Jeanie and Terry Washam** - July 29, 2010 at 09:20 AM

RB

“ Terry and Kathy (and family),  
Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. Coincidentally, we just completed the 50th reunion for our West High Class of 1960 and recalled many fond memories of your father. I believe it was Jim Wallace who told me about Hazel's passing and I announced it to our group of over 100 at the school lunch on Saturday. I have great memories of West and your dad and later of your mother when I was on the Board at the Green Hills Apartments. She was a wonderful lady. My thoughts are with you all.  
Ray  
Thank you,  
Ray Bell

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**Ray Bell** - July 26, 2010 at 05:56 PM

LR

“ I didn't know Ms. Hazel but I know her daughter Kathleen and son-in-law Terry. It sounds like Ms. Hazel was an amazing woman, so it's no surprise that her daughter is as kind and pleasant as she is. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Larry Roberts** - July 26, 2010 at 04:17 PM

SH

“ Hazel Oliver was my favorite teacher in third grade and that never changed. She had such a positive impact on my life. She wasn't just a great teacher, but she was a phenomenal person. I feel blessed to have had the privilege of getting to know her family, especially my friend, Kathy. Hazel and Kathy always made me feel "special", when they were the special ones. I will never forget that she came to hold my newborn baby, Kelly 22 years ago when I had my first child at 40 years old. That was one of the highlights of my life, but that is what my memories of her are--highlights in my life.

Thank you,  
Starr Casey Herrman

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**Starr Casey Herrman** - July 26, 2010 at 11:24 AM

RS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We loved Mer. Let us know if we can do anything to help you during this time.

Thank you,  
Richard and Brenda Siler

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**Richard Siler** - July 26, 2010 at 11:23 AM

CF

“ Aunt Hazel, we will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile. You have been a bright spot in all our lives. We love you.

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**Carlene & Henry Fricke** - July 25, 2010 at 12:39 PM

BE

“ Hazel was as close as is humanly possible to being the perfect mother-in-law and I won't ever forget the way she made me feel so special as her "daughter." I thank my God in my every remembrance of her....

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**Betty** - July 24, 2010 at 12:02 PM