



Martha "Bonnie" Dowlen

May 19, 1964 - June 17, 2015

Martha "Bonnie" Yvonne Dowlen, age 51, of Pleasant View, died Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 at Centennial Medical Center at Ashland City. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 20th, 2015 at 11 o'clock am in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Bro. David Price officiating. Burial will follow in Bearwallow Community Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, June 19th, from 4-8:00PM and again on Saturday from 10AM till the hour of service.

Martha was born May 19, 1964 in Davidson County, Tennessee to Louis "Tommy" and Jeannette Binkley. She was a homemaker and a member of Providence Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her father, Louis "Tommy" Binkley; and brother, Louie Binkley.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Dowlen, Jr.; son, Marvin Dowlen, III of Pleasant View; mother, Jeannette Binkley of Chapmansboro; brother, Michael (Marissa) Binkley of Chapmansboro; and nieces, Meagan (Shane) Wood of Ashland City and McKenzie Binkley of Chapmansboro.

If so desired, memorial contributions be made to Martha's memorial fund. All donations may be sent in care of Austin & Bell in Pleasant View.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in PLEASANT VIEW is in charge of these arrangements. (615) 746-4433. www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Bearwallow Community Cemetery

1520 Bearwallow Road
Ashland City, TN 37015

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Pleasant View
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Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Tammy Simpkins Holder lit a candle in memory of Martha "Bonnie" Dowlen*



Tammy Simpkins Holder - June 20, 2015 at 11:20 AM

KM

“ *I have known Martha for several years, but it seems like a lifetime. What a wonderful, caring and self-giving individual that I loved dearly. I know she is in God's arms, but we will miss her.*
Katherine Mills

Katherine Mills - June 19, 2015 at 06:02 PM

JM

“ *I met Martha thru my friend and sister n law, and instantly became friends with she and Marvin. how could you not?? that contagious giggle, big smile, huge heart, and loving and caring ways had to win you over. She never missed a chance to help someone, share a story, make you laugh, make you hate to see her leave. And that is just it, I hate to see her leave, but I know she is resting comfortably in the hands of her Lord. I love you Martha. Happy trails til we meet again.*

Janet Meadows - June 19, 2015 at 08:42 AM

DF

“ *Donnie And Jerri Gupton And Family lit a candle in memory of Martha "Bonnie" Dowlen*



Donnie and Jerri Gupton and Family - June 18, 2015 at 10:22 PM

PA

“ Many people don't know that my husband (Jimmy) and Martha are cousins. Jimmy hasn't had the privilege of growing up with Martha, but has gotten to know her in the last 8-10 years. We meet Martha and Marvin at Martha's dad's funeral. We would go to "Binkley" funerals to meet Jimmy's family from his dad's side of the family. After that first meeting with Martha we had the opportunity to see her again at her brothers funeral. The Sunday after 9-11 happened, Jimmy was teaching his juniors class on the front porch of Chappel Acres, where our church was meeting, a familiar face walked up for the Sunday morning service. Martha and Marvin had come to visit! Mis They had told me that the events of 9-11 had really been making them think about their lives and the changes that they need to make. We never told them where we were attending, but God knew exactly where to send them. That day Martha and Marvin made a profession of faith standing in the small kitchen of the wedding chapel while everyone in the church stayed to see the outcome! From that day on we got to know Martha and Marvin as the fun loving couple that they are. Swapping stories about how much Jimmy and Martha are alike became a weekly conversation. I have enjoyed getting to know my sweet friend and sister in Christ. I will truly miss her awesome laugh and caring, loving and servant spirit. Martha you have left such a wonderful legacy and a truly good name for yourself. You will always be missed and thought of daily. I know you are spreading your cheer and laughter there in Heaven and I know that you'll have a BIG part in preparing that banquet table that we'll get to sit with you there! Miss and love you Marthie. Wait on the front porch for us.

Patty Binkley

Patty - June 18, 2015 at 08:55 PM