



Mary Elizabeth Coleman

September 7, 1925 - December 16, 2018

Mary Elizabeth Coleman, age 93, of Greenbrier passed away Sunday, December 16, 2018 at NHC HealthCare in Springfield, TN. Arrangements entrusted to Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 2619 Hwy 41 S., Greenbrier, TN. The family will receive friends 10am to 2pm on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier with the funeral service following at 2pm with Bro. Marvin Crouch officiating. A private family burial will follow in Greenbrier Cemetery.

She was born September 7, 1925 in Greenbrier, TN to the late James Isaac and Lillie Mae Reese. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Donald Coleman; grandson, James Donald Coleman; brothers, Carlton Reese, Leonard Reese, Howard Reese and a sister, Pauline Reese Gildemeister.

Mrs. Coleman was a kind and loving person who loved to read, spend time outdoors, especially the Great Smokey Mountains. She loved working with flowers and loved tenderly caring for stray animals.

She is survived by daughter, Donna (Mike) Edmonds; son, Donald Coleman; grandchildren, Jon Edmonds, Angela (Steve) Hiland and Cindy Edmonds. Pallbearers will be Jon Edmonds, Mark Overby, Henry Maupin, Chester Harris, Clint Hobson and Keith Overby.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your local Humane Society. Online condolences may be made at www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Greenbrier Cemetery

Greenbrier Cemetery Rd
Greenbrier, TN 37073

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier
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Funeral Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ All of us cousins were all so fortunate to have grown up with so much love and closeness even though we were miles apart. You and Uncle Don made sure you made the annual trek to Connecticut so we could all be together. Do you remember the sleeping arrangements when we lived on Park Avenue? Linda, Donna, Granny and I sleeping on those 2 twin beds pushed together, and how hot it was with just that old window fan. You and Uncle Don and Donnie had Granny’s room in the attic. Diane was in the crib until, I’m not sure how old! I’ll never forget the shirts you brought my Dad when you came up in the summer. Those “work shirts” as he used to call them!

What about the 4th of July parades we watched from the porch? Picnics at Beardsley Park and Kent Falls; barbecues at Jean and Hugh’s. I remember going to the beach at 7AM so Uncle Don could swim at high tide. How about us all using the same bath water after the beach! You considered yourself lucky if you were number one or two, but after that! Yuk!

I remember Uncle Don saying, "it's only a hop, skip and a jump" no matter how far away the destination was! I remember how you used to let Diane and I give you a make-over; hair-dos and make-up! And my mother saying, “leave Aunt Betty alone”. But you never minded. How about Thanksgiving in July! Or fish Fridays from the fish store, grinders and hard rolls! I remember Lizzie's penny candy, and Donnie taking us. What a treat that was! Don’t forget the scotch pies, and cool whip (“it's not a dairy product you buy it next to the frozen orange juice”)! I remember when you would make us popcorn, and oh, what special popcorn it was because you had made it! I remember coming down Tennessee that summer with Granny and you making those delicious strawberry pies; I have your recipe and still make them. Your tuna casserole was the BOMB! I remember playing Yahtzee and Parcheesi, and going to Opryland. I remember Uncle Don making homemade ice cream! Yum!

The memories go on and on.....It makes me sad how things have

changed and that my kids will never experience what we cousins had or didn't have. Thanks to our parents, we were all very fortunate to have grown up in such a wonderful environment.

We love you to the moon and back!

Judy deArmas - December 23, 2018 at 11:08 PM

JW

“ *Elizabeth was such a sweet lady. I loved talking to her about books. She gave me a new mystery writer to read and I still think of Elizabeth when I see her books. I was really blessed by knowing Elizabeth. Judy Warren*

judy warren - December 19, 2018 at 08:36 AM

YJ

My dearest and beautiful friend so tender and sweet I am going to miss your smile our laughing together our walks at Radnor Lake and picnics in the car because there were no picnic table but we had a spread rest well my sister rest on until we meet again and have some more laugh love you Don Donna and all the family

yvette wilson and jeff - December 19, 2018 at 02:53 PM

LW

“ *Aloha My Dear Dear Friend Elizabeth!
I will miss looking at the Full Moon together , you in Tennessee and me in Hawaii! That is a moment I will hold dear to my heart! Now when I look out at the full moon, I will think of you with Jamey and the love of your life, Don.
Love you always! Laura*

Laura Wolfe - December 18, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - December 18, 2018 at 12:44 PM

DS

“ *Ms Elizabeth was traveling first class to Hawaii when I met her some years ago when I was a flight attendant for Delta. We made an instant connection and remained pen pals for a while. She was intelligent and gracious and kind and I will always cherish her memory and the letters and cards I saved. God bless her family and friends who will greatly miss her. Donna Gale Stamper-Wheeler*


Donna Gale Stamper-Wheeler - December 17, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Coleman.*



December 17, 2018 at 11:40 AM

Keith
Overby

“ When we were little kids, the coleman's took me with them and Jamie up to the Audubon. It was always so much fun being with them. Many a day spent together between the coleman's and overby's. Now they can drink coffee together once again like the neighbors and great friends they were.

Keith Overby - December 17, 2018 at 11:34 AM

LP

“ I remember on a visit to TN with my Granny, Aunt Betty took us berry picking driving us there in the back of her pick up truck. She may jam with some of those berries. It was the best jam I ever tasted on her biscuits. Endless games of scrabble with her and my cousins. Listening to the mourning doves while sitting with her on her back porch. Singing hymns in harmony with her and Donna. Whiter than Snow and How Great Thou Art we're two of our favorites. I'll love her forever❤️ A life well lived and a friend to all. May she Rest In Peace in our Lord's arms with the company of her loved ones gone before her.

Linda Paroskie - December 17, 2018 at 11:08 AM