



Mary Henderson

July 18, 1942 - August 9, 2017

Mary Ruth Frey Henderson, age 75, of Springfield, died Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at her home. Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 11am in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Reverend Tim Miles and Dr. Tommy Crunk officiating. Burial will follow in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Leslie Richardson, Corey Richardson, Zack Reid, Patrick Reid, Chase Taylor and Chris Taylor serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, August 11, 2017 from 4-8pm and again on Saturday from 9am until the hour of service at 11am.

Mrs. Henderson was born July 18, 1942 in Robertson County to the late Moulton and Hattie Miller Frey. She was a 1960 graduate of Coopertown High School, worked as a Human Resources Manager at Unarco for 47 years and was a member of the Flewellyn Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents Mrs. Henderson is preceded in death by her first husband, Tommy Brown; brother, Bill Frey; and sisters, Martha Jane "Sis" Rawls and Rebecca Pickering. She is survived by her husband, Porter Henderson; step-sons, Tim (Lauran) Henderson of Nashville, Kevin Henderson of Wheeling, IL and John (Angela) Henderson of Gallatin; step-daughter, Beth (Tim Smith) Walker of Pleasant View; sister, Nancy Crawford of Springfield; sister-in-law, Naomi Frey of Springfield; special friends, Joyce

Choate of Goodlettsville and Shearon Kehl of Indianapolis, IN; God-children, Angela (Terry) Patton of Goodlettsville and Dana (Ted) Horner of White House; 7 step-grandchildren; and 4 step-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Henderson is also survived by a host of loving nieces and nephews.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to Robertson County Cancer Research. 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

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

AUG 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
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Springfield, TN 37172
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Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *A beautiful woman inside and out. I will always appreciate all you did to help my mother. You are missed and loved.*
Ray Cotter

Ray Cotter - August 18, 2017 at 08:44 PM

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“ *Porter, our prayers are with you and your family. Mary will be sorely missed. My Mother, the other Mary Henderson thought the world of her. God bless you with peace and comfort.*

Patricia Henderson Meira - August 13, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Henderson.*



August 11, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Henderson.*



August 11, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ 152 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - August 11, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Henderson.



August 11, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deborah Bateman - August 11, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Our Beloved Miss Mary will be Greatly missed by all but, more so by my husband Jim, Myself, Sister Shirley Brother Hanley & Sis-in-law Sharon. Never was there was a time that we would call down and hear her and Porter say come on down. Family Reunion time was the best at their House. It not only meant we got to see all our Family that would come in but, we got to share time with Mary & Porter. We would cook...clean up...take naps...share stories...watch Games on TV...eat...clean up some more. The best time was all the cousins who could make it gathering at the Catfish House before the Reunion. But, my all time Favorite was heading off to town to G.W.'s Boutique(Goodwill) with the car full of Girls (Women Folks Time Together) chattering away...laughing and talking about everything. Mary was a Perfect Hostess...always arms wide open and a big old hug. Plus a Buffet covered with cookies, candies, & cakes as you walked in the door of the Henderson House. No one will ever take her place...she is one hard act to follow. Many MEMORIES...I am hurting inside...she was such a Dear Lady...R.I.P. Miss Mary...we love and will miss you. One day we will be with you again...oh what a Family Reunion that will be (so hoping there is Pimento Cheese in Heaven she sure made the best)!!! We will assuredly miss her at this Family Reunion it will be quite Somber without her being there. Keeping everyone in Prayers!!!

Diana Stanley - August 10, 2017 at 07:54 PM

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Tennessee will not be the same, BUT with Mary as an ANGEL in heaven we will rest assured that she is with us in spirit regardless. We will meet again, know that you are missed and loved greatly. Porter. you fought the good fight along with her and I am sure the LORD WILL have his Comforting Arms of Love around you during this time of mourning.

Sharon Henderson - August 12, 2017 at 02:04 PM

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“ To Mary's Family:

I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet Mary. I know your hearts are heavy right now and I pray for God to wrap his loving arms around you and bring you comfort in the coming days as you face life without her. "Mary Ruth" was one of my very special friends in our elementary years at Coopertown. Although we didn't keep in touch after graduating from high school, as I read her obit, a flood of childhood memories and tears came back to me. Mary was one year ahead of me at Coopertown School. I lived down the road from her at the corner of Hwy. 49 and Coopertown Rd. across from the school. We put many miles on our bikes riding back and forth to play with each other----always with a daily stop at Jack Chambliss store for a \$.06 "cold drink"--as we called a coke in those days. I loved going to Mary's house. I can remember each room as if it were yesterday. Miss Hattie always kept such a clean and orderly home and it was such a comfort to be in their home. Summertime was always special when Bill and Naomi would come with little Jim for a visit from Maryland and Rebecca and all her little ones from Virginia. We just loved playing with them and they were all so cute. I remember going with Mary and Miss Hattie out to Sis's to spend the day so Miss Hattie could help Sis with her vegetable canning. Marion Jane was about 3, Donna about 2 and Patty was just a baby. We had so much fun playing with them and passing Patty back and forth to hold. I was so fascinated that Mary had all those nieces and nephews and we were just still in elementary school. I remember how much she loved each one and how much they each loved Aunt Mary Ruth. I also remember it was during these years that Nancy met and married her love, Don. Mary was so happy for her. Slumber parties were always fun at Mary's house and I remember one where we stayed awake in lawn chairs all night in the front yard and greeted the sun as it came up in early morning. My mind goes back so often to those growing up years in Coopertown and I'm so thankful for so many wonderful memories of special friends like my sweet friend, Mary Ruth. I'm just so sorry we did not stay in touch---that makes me feel so sad. I pray she is at rest in Heaven and is no longer in pain. I love you sweet Mary Ruth.

*Linda Fay Stark Reeder
Old Hickory, TN
Class of 1961 - Coopertown High School*

Linda S. Reeder - August 10, 2017 at 02:52 PM

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*Linda, Thank you so much for those sweet memories from the past.
We are going to miss her so much. Marion Jane Richardson*

Marion Jane Richardson - August 10, 2017 at 03:34 PM

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“ Mary was one of the kindest people I have ever known. There was never a time when I didn't see her that she would hug me and tell me she loved me. She and Porter are so special to our family. We love you Porter and loved Mary so much! Janice and Terry Scott

Janice Scott - August 10, 2017 at 02:19 PM