



## Mary Kathleen Holman

September 10, 1915 - September 4, 2015

Mary Kathleen Holman of Springfield passed away Friday, September 4, 2015 at Morningside Assisted Living surrounded by loving family and caregivers just 6 days short of her 100th birthday.

Funeral services will be held at 11am Monday, September 7, 2015 at The Barren Plains Baptist Church with Reverend Andy King officiating. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 3pm-7pm at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield and again on Monday from 10am-11am at the Church. Burial will be on Tuesday at 11am in the Springfield Memorial Gardens with Corey Blick, Jeff Doss, Allan Ellis, Gavin Henry, William Henry, David Harden, Russell Holman, Brandon Jones and Corey Jones serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are the Deacons of Barren Plains Baptist Church, Sunday School Class Members, Retired Teachers of Robertson County, NorthCrest Medical Center Auxillary, the Robertson County Museum Staff and the Morningside Assisted Living Staff.

Born in Barren Plains, TN she was the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Highsmith Holman. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her only brother, Eugene Holman (Catherine).

“Miss Mary K.” as she was lovingly called, was a faithful member of Barren Plains Baptist Church for most of her years and began teaching Sunday

School when she was only 14 years old. After graduation from Barren Plains High School she attended Martin College and Austin Peay College during the summer to receive her professional teaching certificate while teaching in Robertson County during the school year. Miss Mary K. graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY in 1943. She started the first Vacation Bible School in Robertson County and became involved in TN State Mission work before accepting an educational mission position in Norfolk, VA. After ten years in VA she returned to Barren Plains to assist with the needs of her aging parents. She continued her work with TN Missions and taught in the Robertson County School System until her retirement in 1979. Upon her retirement she contributed many volunteer hours to numerous non-profit organizations. Miss Marys testimony was to live every day of her life for the Lord. She fully succeeded in doing that because she has best been described as a “blessing to everyone she came in contact with”.

Miss Mary K. is survived by her two nieces, Donna (Phil) Henry of Cross Plains and Kathy Jones (Chris Morris) of Callawassie Island, SC; great-nieces and nephews, Leigh Anne (Corey) Blick and William (Nancy) Henry, both of Cross Plains, Corey (Emily) Jones and Brandon Jones (Amy Thompson), both of Savannah, GA; great-great-nieces and nephews, Hanna Wright, Ashlyn Wright, Jaylan Blick and Gavin Henry, all of Cross Plains, and Julianna Jones, Tyler Jones and James Louis Felix Jones, all of Savannah, GA; and sister-in-law, Marie Holman of Franklin, TN.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Barren Plains Baptist Church

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

Springfield Memorial Gardens

Springfield TN 37172

US

Visitation

Sunday, September 6, 2015

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield

509 Walnut St.

Springfield TN 37172

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615-384-1000

615-382-7449

Visitation

Monday, September 7, 2015

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Barren Plains Baptist Church

Springfield TN

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Funeral Service

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11:00 AM -

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lenaldo Santos is following this tribute.* ”

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**Lenaldo Santos** - November 01, 2015 at 04:57 PM

DB

“ My name is David Bursey. It was my great pleasure to meet Miss Mary K. in the mid 1950's when as a Student at Belmont Univ. I was invited to come to Barren Plains Baptist Church; employed as their music worship leader. I was privileged to be provided for by her entire family on week-ends when I journeyed to Barren Plains to do music. Her Mother, Miss Mary, and Father, Frank were the team who made arrangements with various church families for my food and entertainment during my week end stays there. WOW! I need to write a book about all of that. When I left middle Tennessee in pursuit of more studies, I continued to swap Christmas greetings with Mary K. So, we sort of kept up. After graduating from college in Pennsylvania, I worked and studied music in New York City. One year I received a note from Mary K. stating she would be in the city on a bus tour in a few weeks. After my phone call, she agreed to give up one of her evenings with the tour group to allow me to take her to dinner, which we did and had a great evening catching up on all my Barren Plains contacts. After dinner we attended a production of the New York City Ballet in Lincoln Center. I think attending the ballet was a first for both of us, and we were able to combine hearing wonderful orchestral music in addition to the dancing and beautiful costumes. We had a wonderful evening and as years passed, we always spoke of that event when we again made contact. Thank you Mary K. for being a friend over the years and sharing your wise counsel. If the gospel song writer is correct; we will all have a new name in Glory. I know you will manage somehow to let me know what your new name is I want to look you up. And, if God allows ballets to perform there, I would enjoy taking you. I'm sure we would hear some heavenly music, see some dance moves only our new bodies could manipulate, costumes in colors yet to be seen, and experience out of this world joy. (pun intended) By the way, sorry I missed your memorial service. Had to take grand children to doctor appointments. My condolences to your family who will miss seeing you in person. I now live in Franklin, Tn. and am listed in the Tel. directory. My name is still David Bursey

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David Bursey - September 09, 2015 at 12:10 PM

CH

“ Mary Kay was a true prayer warrior, whose prayers were coveted by anyone who knew her. I was privileged to hear her first solo (or so she told me) at age 90. Even after she was unable to sing in the choir, she would sing, play the teapot or something every 5 years. When she turned 95, she told me she would do it each year until she went to glory because she never knew whether she would be here to do so from year to year. She called me the week of each cantata to tell me she was going to try to be there, but even if she couldn't be present, she was praying for the choir. I treasure the many things I learned from her, as well as the music she gave to me when she moved to Morningside. I love you Mary Kay and hope you let me stand close to you in the heavenly choir.

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**Carolyn Head** - September 07, 2015 at 09:15 AM

MH

“ Mary K. always told me that she was one of the first to see me as a baby. Seems she Lizzie Lou Highsmith walked from their house to our house at that time was at the end of Ogg Rd. Old road between Bugtussle and Barren Plains was used at that time. She knew exactly where I was born even to which bedroom. She had to have been about 17 at that time because I am now 83. I always enjoyed talking with and seeing her. She was fine, fine lady. Just realize that I might of been distant kin as my great father was a Highsmith from that same area. Donna I know you have been so good to her and seen to her every need I thank God that I knew her and for the impression she made on my life. Sincerely, Mary Sue Corbin Head

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**Mary Sue Head** - September 07, 2015 at 12:35 AM

LS

“ My family and I want to extended our deepest sympathies to all of Miss Mary K's family. We know how much she wanted to make it to be 100 years old, but God had other plans and couldn't wait for her. Short, heartfelt phone calls on your birthday are one of the things I will always remember about her. She made a call to each and everyone she knew on their birthdays without fail for years, until her sight and hearing began to fail her. I have missed those calls in past years. God speed Miss Mary K. There's a new angel in heaven.  
LeeAnne & Don Stites & family

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**Leeanne Stites** - September 06, 2015 at 11:04 PM

DP

“ My aunt, Annie Mantlo, all of our families and I extend our deepest sympathy to the family of dear Miss Mary K. She will truly be missed by all. She was such a sweet and devoted lady. In reference to the band picture above, she was asked was there anything she had always wanted to do in life but never did She replied I want to march with a band. Arrangements were made for her to march with the Springfield High School Band at a football game, wearing an authentic band uniform. This was late in life. She truly enjoyed the experience. Rest in peace, dear Miss Mary K. With sympathy,  
Donna Leding Plumlee

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**Donna Leding Plumlee** - September 06, 2015 at 02:53 PM

NM

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**Nelda Myers** - September 06, 2015 at 02:30 PM

MR

“ *What a special special lady!! I would call her the Mother Theresa of Barren Plains and Springfield .....Heaven sure gained a jewel! With heartfelt sympathy, Melinda Reid*

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**melinda reid** - September 06, 2015 at 01:17 PM

AH

“ *Mary Kathleen Holman*

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**Austin and Bell Funeral Home** - August 14, 2015 at 10:37 AM