



Mildred Pauline Hamilton

November 4, 1914 - March 1, 2010

Preceded in death by parents, John Richard and Essie Thompson Hamilton and husband, Jesse M. Ray, Sr. She was a retired Nursing Home Administrator for 20 years and Accountant for 30 years. She resided at Windlands Retirement Center for the last five years. She was a member of Neelys Bend Road Church of Christ and a volunteer at the Domestic Violence Shelter for three years, sponsored by Madison Church of Christ. Mildred was an active member of the Nashville Federation of Business and Professional Womens Club for 35 years and held offices including President. She served as Editor of the Tennessee Business and Professional Womens Club Magazine which was circulated in 50 states and elected Woman of Achievement in 1967. She also served on the Board of Tennessee Mental Health Association for five years. After moving to Windlands Retirement Center she was a volunteer in conducting activities and was Sunshine Chairman for the residents council. Mildred held offices including President of Isaac Litton Band Boosters which sponsored the "Marching 100". The principal made her an Honorary Faculty Member. She had four children who played in the band from 1948-59. Music was a large part of her life, she played numerous weddings, funerals, fashion shows, concerts and taught music. She is survived by her son, Jesse M. Ray, Jr. (Estelle) of Ashland City, TN; daughters, Patricia Ann Cox of Birmingham, AL, Paula Collette Smith (Lawrence) of Hendersonville, TN and Sandra Jean Fuller Koellein (Mayhew) of Dickson, TN; ten grandchildren, Debbie Harris (Gary) of Lascassas, Karen

Watkins (David) of Mt. Juliet, Judy Bailey (Scott) of Pleasant View, John Kenneth Ray (Jodi) of Cedar Hill, Gina Howell (Scott) of Birmingham, Jeff Smith (Kim) of Hendersonville, Londa Dee Fuller (JW) of Hendersonville, Mike Smith (Susan) of Mt Juliet, Richard Fuller of Portland and Sherry Allen (William) of Fresno, CA; 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from Noon-4pm and 6-8pm and Thursday one hour prior to the Service at COLE & GARRETT FUNERAL HOME GOODLETTSVILLE, TN. Services will be conducted by Norman Slate and Ed Garrett on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 1pm at COLE & GARRETT in GOODLETTSVILLE.

Active pallbearers are Kenneth Ray, Rick Fuller, Scott Bailey, David Watkins, Jr., David Watkins, III, Tanner Allen, Adam Watkins, Debbie Harris, Sherry Allen and Clayton Bailey. Interment to follow Funeral at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Goodlettsville, TN.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mildred Pauline Hamilton*

Austin and Bell Funeral Home - August 14, 2010 at 07:57 PM

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“ *Mother, How do I start to tell you of the wonderful friendship and relationship that we had through the years. When you left this world, half of me went with you. Nothing will ever be the same. I am so proud that you were my mother and I will never forget all of the basic things you taught me about living life and loving God. The roots that you have given me, I hope I have passed on to my children and grandchildren. Heaven is a place where I know you are now happy and no longer in pain. Like I told you everyday, You are a beautiful lady and I love you, which you knew it came from my heart. Boy! Did we have some good times together. I will see you again and that will be wonderful. Your loving daughter, Sandra*

Sandra Ray Koellein - March 09, 2010 at 01:10 PM

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“ Big Mama I know I have told you many times that I love you, but I want to tell you one last time. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the son you gave birth to and in return him becoming my husband. You taught him how to love unconditionally and he learned the lesson well. You raised a man of integrity. You taught him to love our Lord and Savior and put him first in his life, and he has. He took what you taught him and became the best of Dad's, Always there for each of his children and grand children. He became a man that loves people and found good in all. He is the man he is today because of you. Your time on earth is done, but your legacy will live on and on through your children, grand children, and even great grand children. You are loved by all of them. Rest easy and enjoy. Tell Papa hi. We will see you in a little while. Love, Estelle

Estelle C Ray - March 05, 2010 at 01:22 PM

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“ I am thinking about all of you and praying for you. Your Mother was such a wonderful lady. I don't know that I have ever been around anyone as wise and sharp as she was. I was blessed every time I got to sit down and talk with her. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Brenda

Brenda Walker - March 02, 2010 at 10:35 PM