



Rosa Balthrop

May 18, 1930 - September 5, 2025

Rosa Mae Gibson Balthrop, age 95 of Chapmansboro, Tennessee passed away, Friday, September 5, 2025, at the Residence of Alive Hospice in Nashville, Tennessee.

A memorial service will be held at Mallory's Church, 4330 Thomasville Rd, Chapmansboro, Tn on Sunday, September 21st at 3:00PM with her nephew-in-law, Ted Gleason officiating. There will be a private family inurnment of her cremains.

The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00PM until the hour of service at 3:00PM.

Mrs. Balthrop was born on May 18, 1930 in Cookeville, Tennessee to the late Robert Leslie & Pearlle Ina Frey Gibson. She served as a secretary at the Cheatham County Agricultural Extension Office and Pleasant View Elementary School for numerous years. She was the matriarch of a long line of Balthrop children and grandchildren. Her life was marked by hard work, dedication to her family, and a beautiful zest for life and all that it brought. Rosa was the faithful and fierce wife of the farmer, Howard Balthrop. From making cornbread and turnip greens, to helping strip tobacco-Rosa Balthrop was the quintessential Tennessee woman. Gardening was another one of her interests, and she possessed a profound faith in God. Her life revolved around

her children, grandchildren, and most notably, her husband, with whom she shared nearly 60 years of marriage until his passing in 2008. They exchanged vows on October 30, 1948, in Franklin, Kentucky, and are now reunited in the arms of Jesus. She was a devoted member of the Hilldale Church of Christ in Clarksville, Tennessee.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Howard Balthrop; sister, Winnie Kessler; brothers, Carl "Hoot" Gibson (Alberta) and Willard Gibson; and granddaughter, Katherine Rose Davis.

She is survived by her son, Harold "Clay" (Pat) Balthrop; daughters, Connie (David) Holman and Cheryl (Derek) Noe; brother, Robert (Maryanne) Gibson; grandchildren, Jason (Trish) Balthrop, Adam (Sabrina) Balthrop, Amanda (Chuckie) Darnell, Stephanie (Jason) Flannery, John Holman, Sam Davis, Grace (Kevin) Wallace, Mitchell Noe, and Myles Noe; and six great-grandchildren.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Rosa's memory to Katherine Rose Davis Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, 3421 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, Tn 37215 or Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View assisted the family with these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Mallory's
Thomasville Rd.
Chapmansboro, TN 37035

Memorial Service

SEP 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rosa Balthrop.*



September 18, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rosa Balthrop.*



September 17, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ *I remember Ms Rosa from church. We all went to PV Church of Christ. She always had Clay, Connie and Cheryl dressed just so so. I always admired her and know that she is with our Lord Jesus*

Barbara Dale - September 06, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. I remember "Miss Rose" from our days at PVES. She was a sweet lady and a great Christian friend.*

Glenola and Van Maxwell

Glenola Maxwell - September 06, 2025 at 07:14 PM

JW

Dear Cheryl. Am so touched to read you mother's eulogy. May you all find peace and comfort from our gracious and lovingly God. I still have fond memories of meeting you at the Methodist Higher Education Foundation office in Nashville. I have retired from Methodist Pilley Institute, Sibul, Sarawak, since Dec 2016. Take care and God bless.

Judy wong - September 06, 2025 at 11:06 PM