



Mrs. Arba Milam Taylor

September 22, 1932 - December 19, 2024

The incomparable Arba McPeake Milam Taylor, 92, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2024. Arba was one of five children born in Lexington, Tennessee on September 22, 1932, to the late Chester Arthur and Audia Hayes McPeake. She was preceded in death by her parents, her late husband (Judge Andrew “Tip” Taylor), sisters (Elizabeth McPeake Coffman and Louise McPeake Walker), brothers (Orbin Bell McPeake and Charles Arthur McPeake), and her beloved son, Stephen McPeake Milam. Survivors include her three grandchildren: Stephen Milam (Jacy), Jennifer Lankford (Brent), and Bill Milam (Roberta), and six great-grandchildren (Story, Shep, Catherine, Clark, Walt, and Max) whom all lovingly referred to her as Mommy Arba. A graduate of Lexington High School in 1950, Arba made a lasting impression on the community. She was employed for over thirty-five years with the Lexington First Federal Savings and Loan where she was also a member of the Board of Directors. Upon her retirement in March 1997, she continued her work with the Board, culminating in her appointment as Chairman. Arba was known for her incredible work ethic. A single mother, Arba worked tirelessly to provide her son, Steve, with the best of everything. She was an equally devoted grandmother and friend – fiercely loyal, an exceptional conversationalist, and curator of the best gifts and gatherings. A true steel magnolia, Arba will be remembered for her stoicism and grace, her unconditional love for her son and grandchildren, and her truly extraordinary skills in the kitchen.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 PM, Saturday, December 21, 2024 in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington. Interment will follow in Lexington Cemetery. The family will receive friend on Saturday from 12 – 1 PM.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Natchez Trace Drive
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Chapel Service

DEC 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Arba Milam Taylor*



Pafford Funeral Home - December 20, 2024 at 07:45 PM



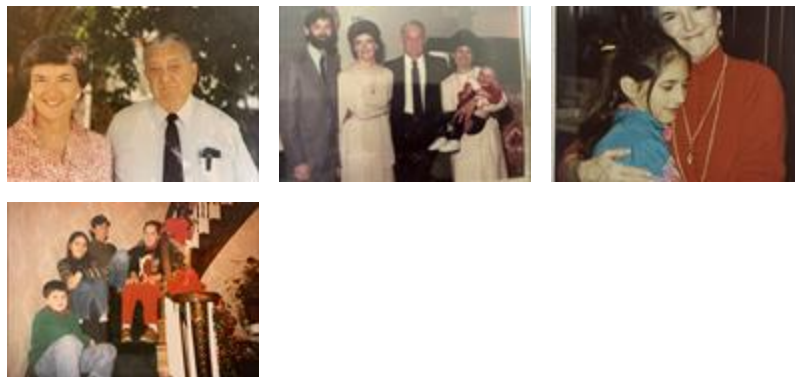
“ *Peggy Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arba Milam Taylor*



Peggy Fitzpatrick - January 19 at 01:39 PM

RT

“ I always think of Arba (& the Milam family) around Christmas time, as my father and I would travel to Jackson and later Lexington each year for Christmas for much of my childhood. I am of course thinking of and missing her this Christmas. I always loved her grits and homemade rolls - Stephen and I would have roll eating contests to see who could eat the most until we got banned from doing it... As I got older and moved away, I didn't make it back to Tennessee for Christmas anymore but still treasured that time of year when I would catch up with Arba by phone. I will miss that this year.



Rebecca Taylor - December 24, 2024 at 02:51 PM

LE

“ Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arba Milam Taylor



Linda Elam - December 24, 2024 at 01:03 AM

AJ

“ Arba and I shared many happy times together. For years, my daughter Rebecca and I joined Arba, my father. Steve, Lee, Stephen, Jennifer, and Bill for Christmas and Arba continued to welcome me and Rebecca for Christmas after my father passed away. I have added a couple of photos from a Christmas many years ago.

Arba was an excellent cook and Rebecca was especially fond of her rolls. I always enjoyed Arba's sense of humor and her willingness to tell it like it is. She was a loving mother and grandmother and I will miss her.

Tip Taylor, Jr

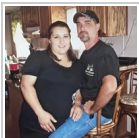
Andrew Tip Taylor Jr - December 21, 2024 at 10:16 AM

BW

“ Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arba Milam Taylor



Barbara Willis - December 20, 2024 at 11:24 PM



“ Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arba Milam Taylor



Mary Sego - December 20, 2024 at 05:18 PM



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Pafford Funeral Home - December 20, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arba Milam Taylor



Donna Darrough - December 20, 2024 at 01:40 PM