



Connie Louise Holmes

February 9, 1927 - January 28, 2024

Connie Louise Holmes, 96, of Lexington TN, passed away on January 28, 2024 after an unexpected cardiac event. She was blessed with amazing health and sharpness of mind until the very end. She was the oldest of three children born on Wednesday, February 9, 1927 to the late Connie (C.C.) Sullivan and Bernice Conger Sullivan.

Throughout her long life, she fulfilled many roles. She graduated from Lexington High School in 1944 where she “fell head over heels” in love with Ollie Holmes at age 14 and told stories of saving her nickels to go to Davies Drugstore after school to watch him wash dishes. They endured being separated during WWII where he carried her picture in his pocket through many difficult days. During the war, Connie attended Murry State College from 1944-1945 but decided to come home after one year. She never regretted her college experience. Later she carried the mail under the instruction of her father, which she loved. Sometimes she wondered if she should have continued working with the post office, especially being a people person and how she loved getting to know the many people on her route.

Connie and Ollie were married May 5, 1946, after his return from WWII. They moved around for a few years as Ollie got his degree in Mortuary Science. When they moved back to Lexington, she worked for her uncle, Dr. Pete Conger at his clinic. While working with Dr. Conger she learned and had many

duties; everything from working in surgery, dispensing medicine, helping with tuberculosis treatments and even keeping all the books. She once said that one of her proudest accomplishments was that a state auditor complimented her book-keeping as some of the best he had ever seen.

After her son (David) was born, she stayed home for several years, then, through some unforeseen family events, she was given the opportunity to buy into the insurance business, which became known as Sullivan and Harris Insurance. She was extremely proud to be one of the first female business owners in Lexington and to help others start their business. One of Connie's passions was her faith and her walk with the Lord. For most of her life she attended the First Baptist Church of Lexington where she was a faithful member and taught her beloved Sunday School Class. Her love of studying the scripture was evident by her well used bible showing highlighting, underlining and every blank page filled with her notes, some even detailing the wishes for her funeral. She literally read and wrote in her bibles until they fell apart. Besides her faith, her love for people was one of the biggest joys of her life.

Surviving Mrs. Holmes is her daughter, Lona Carol Webb; a brother, Dr. John Hugh Sullivan; daughter in law, Tracey Holmes; three grandchildren: Hilary (Aaron) Grissom and their children Gabriel and Samantha, Sunnie (James) Dickson and their children, Sophia and Lincoln and Steven (Cyndal) Williams and their child, Nova Lee. Besides Connie's parents she was preceded in death by her husband Ollie D. Holmes, her son David Holmes and her sister, Robbie Harris.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Natchez Trace Drive
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
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Chapel Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Connie Louise Holmes*



Pafford Funeral Home - January 30, 2024 at 10:34 AM

RR

“ *Roberta Regan lit a candle in memory of Connie Louise Holmes*



Roberta Regan - January 31, 2024 at 07:02 PM

RR

My entire family loved you Connie Lou, and the entire Holmes family. You were dear friends and neighbors on Davis Street. Thank you for your long friendship over the years with our mom, Belle. Rest Peacefully.

Roberta Regan - January 31, 2024 at 07:02 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Connie Louise Holmes*



Jerry Stegall - January 30, 2024 at 05:07 PM

CH

“ *What a blessing to meet such a sweet lady.
Rest in paradise Ms. Connie 🕊*



Clare Hess - January 30, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for
the family of Connie Louise Holmes.*



January 30, 2024 at 01:39 PM

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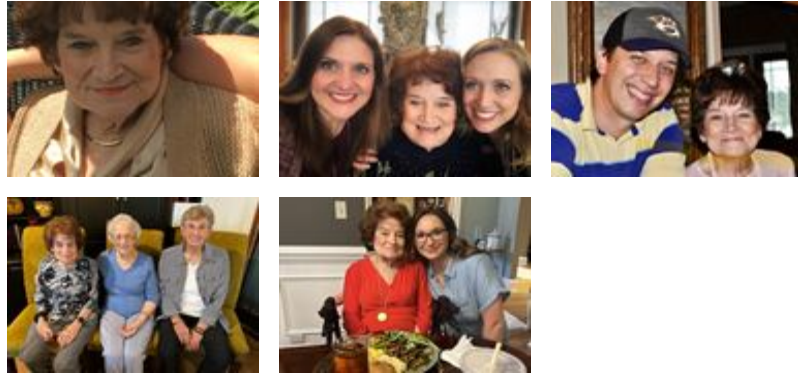
“ *Thomas and Christine Eberhardt purchased the
Beautiful in Blue for the family of Connie Louise
Holmes.*



Thomas and Christine Eberhardt - January 30, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ 90 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pafford Funeral Home - January 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM

EA

“ Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of Connie Louise Holmes



Eddie Akins - January 30, 2024 at 10:29 AM

DD

“ Ms. Connie was a blessing to all she encountered. A Good and Godly woman



Dale Dodd - January 30, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Connie Louise Holmes.*



January 30, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *She was indeed a Christian Lady, I had the privilege of working for Sullivan Insurance Agency in 1966-67. No one had a better boss, she became a lifelong friend. All the Sullivans were among Lexington finest citizens. John Hugh and I had Harley motorcycles in the early 1960s. I was honored later in life, when most of them came insurance clients of mine. Ollie was a roll model for all. Shirley and I send our deepest sympathies and prayers for all the family members.*

Bobby Cogdell - January 30, 2024 at 07:10 AM



“ *Imogene Frye lit a candle in memory of Connie Louise Holmes*



Imogene frye - January 30, 2024 at 06:50 AM



Prayers for the family at this sad and difficult tome

Imogene frye - January 30, 2024 at 06:53 AM

ND

“ *Ms. Connie was very sweet and loving woman and a very good cook. I only got to go to her house a handful of times but she always made me feel like she'd known me forever and was so welcoming and happy.*



Nichole Dawn Dyer - January 30, 2024 at 02:52 AM

GF

“ *I have the most wonderful memories of spending many days and nights at Connie Lou's home. With her son David and I being best friends from the cradle, I can still remember every detail of their old home on Davis Street. It was surely a second home to me. But the thing I remember most was the love, joy and Christ-centeredness of the whole family. Connie always showed such kindness and love to me and anyone else she encountered. A joy I will always treasure is the phone conversation we had just this past Christmas Day. What a joy to think of her glorious reunion with her husband Ollie, her son David and many other loved ones. Truly hers was a life that reflected the light of Christ and now she is safely home. Love and prayers to Lona and the whole family. Gregory Frizzell*

Gregory Frizzell - January 30, 2024 at 12:45 AM

JH

“ *Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of Connie Louise Holmes*



Janice Houston - January 29, 2024 at 09:53 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Casey sent a virtual gift in memory of
Connie Louise Holmes*



Brenda Casey - January 29, 2024 at 08:14 PM