



Mrs. Cornelia Morris

February 1, 1941 - February 14, 2022

Around Lexington and out in the county, if you mention the name, Cornelia, most everyone would think of Cornelia Morris and have memories of her serving them at one of the Lexington banks. Sadly, Cornelia Tignor Morris passed away Monday, February 14, 2022. Visitation for her life celebration will be Thursday February 17th from 11 am to 8 pm and Friday February 18th from 10 am to 2 pm. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Friday, February 18th in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home with Dr. James Huggins officiating. Interment will follow in the Unity Cemetery, just outside of Henderson County. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Gideons International.

Cornelia was born on Saturday, February 1st, 1941 in Chester County to the late Earl Howard and Louise Mullins Tignor. She was a member of the 1959 graduating class of Lexington High School and in 1960, started her fifty-nine year career in the banking industry. Cornelia, over the course of her lifetime, worked with nearly every bank in Lexington, and many customers would follow her whenever she changed roles or banks. She and her close friend, Carol Johnson, oversaw a program at Caywood Elementary called Kitty Cash, which taught children the value of saving money. Throughout all those years, she served a large civic role as well. She was a member of the Lexington Rotary Club and honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. Cornelia also served on the Habitat for Humanity board. In addition, she and her husband were former

owners of the Food Basket on Highway 22 South (now Major Market) and Tignor's Trailer Park. Her primary focus of her life was always about her family. She was a great cook and known for her chocolate pies and duck dressing. You could always count on her cooking a big lunch for all her family after attending church at Unity Baptist where she was a long-time member.

She married her childhood sweetheart, Ranny Joe Morris in November of 1960 and celebrated sixty-one years of marriage together. He survives her, as well as their two sons: Mark Tignor (Debbie) Morris and Stephen Ranny (Kelly) Morris; two grandchildren: Andrew Morris and Ashley Breeden and her sister-in-law, Jeannetta Tignor. Besides her parents, Cornelia was preceded in death by her only sibling, Howard Wayne Tignor Sr.

Cemetery Details

Unity Cemetery

Highway 22A
Luray, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Pafford Funeral Home - February 15, 2022 at 03:50 PM

CJ

Cornelia was my very special cousin. She was a very sweet person. Prayers for family.!!

Carol Tignor Jones - February 15, 2022 at 09:05 PM

CB

Truly a beautiful, warm, and inspiring person.

Chris Bratton - February 16, 2022 at 10:42 PM

BP

“ *Ranny, I am truly sorry for your loss. Cornelia was a very special lady. Class of 59 Bill Pratt*

Billy Pratt - March 07, 2022 at 06:39 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Bowling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Michelle Bowling - February 18, 2022 at 12:57 PM

MB

“ *She was a beautiful person, a very kind lady that I have met long time ago when my daughter was having Kitty Cash at school. My daughter loved her. So sad to hear of her passing. She will be missed dearly. Prayers for the family.*



Michael Bright - February 17, 2022 at 07:32 PM

JA

“ *She was a year behind me is HS. Ranny Joe was in my class. If possible give my sympathy to HIM. SHE always treated me exceptionally nice at the bank.*

Johnny Adams - February 17, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cornelia Morris.*



February 17, 2022 at 10:09 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Casey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Brenda Casey - February 16, 2022 at 09:38 PM

DB

“ *Danny& Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Danny& Shelia Beecham - February 16, 2022 at 06:04 PM

DE

“ *My sincere condolences to the family, so sorry for your loss, forever in my heart, thoughts and prayers..*



Denise Ellis - February 16, 2022 at 03:58 PM

SS

“ *Oh no, I am so sorry to hear about Ms. Cornelia! I thought the world of her. She was smart, hard working, down to earth, beautiful, and just a class act. She was so supportive of me when I first went in to business. She was kind, encouraging, and what a role model she was to us young women. She carried herself with such dignity and grace. This is a loss for our whole community. Thank you kind lady...heaven has gained a fine one.*

Shari Smith - February 16, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cornelia Morris.*



February 16, 2022 at 02:11 PM

JJ

“ *Jeanne Jowers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Jeanne Jowers - February 16, 2022 at 01:16 PM

AK

“ *Anna Kirk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Anna Kirk - February 16, 2022 at 10:59 AM

AK

Glenn and I both thought she was one of the most amazing women we have ever met . Always kind, friendly and visit our office . She is a big loss to our community. Prayers and sympathy for her family . 💕🙏

Anna Kirk - February 16, 2022 at 11:03 AM

RR

“ *Danny Joe and family, so sorry for your loss! My prayers and thoughts are with you! I remember her kindness from high school days. Always a sweet lady! Ruth Hendrix Reeves*

Ruth Hendrix Reeves - February 16, 2022 at 10:58 AM

RR

Ranny Joe this iPhone typed your name incorrectly!

Ruth Hendrix Reeves - February 16, 2022 at 11:05 AM

BM

“ I met Cornelia sometime after moving to Lexington in September 1968 probably at one or more of the banks. She was always very friendly and helpful. I have the privilege of serving with her for several years on the Election Commision eventhough our politics were not the same. My wife, Mary Jane, got to know her thru attending some of our meetings and we will both miss her.
Bill and Mary Jane Martin

Bill R Martin - February 16, 2022 at 10:28 AM

NS

“ *Cornelia was a great lady. I worked with her many years ago. My deepest sympathies to all.*

Neasha Smith - February 16, 2022 at 09:56 AM

BC

“ *Cornelia was absolutely one of the nicest people, I ever knew. It's hard to find the words to describe her. She was the employee ever business would want, always helpful, pleasant and smiling. I remember her and Howard from LHS, they were very popular and always friendly to us underclass mates. When she came by our office, it was a blessing. We lost a angel and heaven gained one. Prayers for her family.*

Bobby Cogdell - February 16, 2022 at 06:48 AM

RS

“ *Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Rhonda Sanders - February 15, 2022 at 08:23 PM

PC

“ *Patsy Coffman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Patsy Coffman - February 15, 2022 at 07:32 PM

RR

“ *Rob & Kathy Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Rob & Kathy Renfroe - February 15, 2022 at 05:48 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Morris*



Jerry Stegall - February 15, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ 130 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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