



Ms. Lavonia Dickson Peterson

June 24, 1918 - November 9, 2013

Funeral services for Lavonia Helms Dickson Peterson, age 95, are scheduled for 3 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 at Mt. Gilead Presbyterian Church in the Shady Hill Community with Rev. Hoyt Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2 to 9 p.m. and on Monday, Nov. 11 starting at 9 a.m. Lavonia died early Saturday in Lexington. She was born June 24, 1918 in Henderson County to the late Walter Lee Helms and Minnie Pinkston Helms. She was a woman who loved life and enjoyed people both in her professional and private life. She attended Shady Hill School prior to marrying her true love, Huley Dickson in Decaturville, Tennessee on May 2, 1936. Once, she said they ran off "because I knew Daddy would have killed us. One of her best friends, Ida Mae Gurley, cousin to Huley, "helped me out with him." She worked as a dental hygienist with Dr. John M. Douglass for 25 years. Prior to the birth of her only son, Mike Dickson, she worked at Salant and Salant for four years. During the 73 years in her home in the Reagan community, she cultivated a wonderful garden of plants and friends. She loved sharing her plants, her stories of traveling, and her life. After the passing of her husband, later in life, Lavonia married Alan Peterson. They traveled extensively enjoying dancing and taking photos of their adventures.

Lavonia was preceded in death by one sister, Edith Fesmire, and five brothers, Bill Brooks, Paul Helms, R. D. (Dennie) Helms, Brooks Helms, and Max Helms. Survivors include her son, Mike Dickson, daughter-in-law, Martha Dickson, two granddaughters, Michelle (David) Baker of Haymarket, Virginia and Myra (Terrell) Lykken of Lexington; three great-grandchildren, Drew Baker, Grant Baker and Michaela Baker, all of Haymarket, Virginia, and sister-in-laws, Juanita Helms, Inita McPeake, Helen Dickson, and brother-in-law Fay Dickson and many nieces and nephews. She grew up in New Hope Methodist Church but was a long-time member of Mt. Gilead Presbyterian Church. The family will receive visitors on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2 to 9 p.m. and on Monday, Nov. 11 starting at 9 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Gilead Cemetery

Shady Hill Community
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Church Service

NOV **11**. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Mt. Gilead Presbyterian Church

Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Lavonia Dickson Peterson



Pafford Funeral Home - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ ROYGURLEY lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lavonia Dickson Peterson



ROYGURLEY - November 20, 2013 at 11:22 PM

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“ Mike, I have been out of town and just learned about your loss. So sorry, May God be with you and your family in this difficult time.

Nancy Creasy Greenway

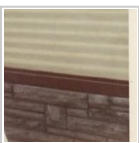
Nancy Greenway - November 11, 2013 at 11:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Lavonia Dickson Peterson.



November 10, 2013 at 08:04 PM



“ Ann Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lavonia Dickson Peterson



Ann Walker - November 10, 2013 at 10:00 AM

AK

“ Anna Wulfert Kirk lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lavonia Dickson Peterson



Anna Wulfert Kirk - November 09, 2013 at 08:13 PM

AK

Lavonia was a very awesome lady, over the years we have laughed many times about my visit to Dr. Douglass with our 1st son. Just as I walked in, Brad soiled his diaper and of course I did not have a diaper bag with me and panicked. She took him and brought him back with a towel pinned on him and held him the whole time Doc. worked on me. She touched many lives and the world is a better place b/c of her. Mike so sorry for your loss, but heavens gain. May God watch over all of you during this difficult time and in the days ahead. With Love, Glenn and Anna.

Anna Wulfert Kirk - November 09, 2013 at 08:25 PM



Michelle Baker

Thank you so much for the sweet words and funny memory. She loved working for Dr. Douglass.

Michelle Baker - November 14, 2013 at 04:16 PM