



Mrs. Lee Youngerman

September 6, 1950 - December 17, 2025

Laura Lee Youngerman, lovingly known as “Lee,” passed away Wednesday evening, December 17, 2025, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family.

Lee was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on September 6, 1950, the second of four children born to the late Harvey and Polly Doyle Jones. From an early age, she developed a strong work ethic, a deep faith, and a lifelong love of horses that would shape much of her life.

Lee was married to the love of her life, Marvin L. Youngerman, for fifty-four years. Together they built a life centered on family, faith, and the land they cherished. She was a devoted mother to two sons, Casey Youngerman and his wife Sara, and Alex Youngerman and his wife Molly, and a daughter, Dana Lee Youngerman.. Lee was a proud and loving grandmother to Will and Erik Youngerman, and Hayes and Tate Youngerman, who affectionately called her “Nene.”

In her professional life, Lee began her career teaching fifth grade math at Caywood Elementary School. She later returned to the family farm, working alongside her husband while raising their two boys and daughter. After Casey, Dana, and Alex were in school, Lee began a long and fulfilling career with Henderson County Farm Bureau, serving as a Customer Service

Representative, retiring in 2016 after twenty-five years of dedicated service.

Faith played a central role in Lee's life. She was a faithful member of New Hope Methodist Church in the Shady Hill community, where she served for many years as choir director. Her love for music and worship touched many lives and reflected her deep commitment to her church and community.

Horses were one of Lee's greatest passions. Whether riding for pleasure, teaching countless others to ride, or barrel racing, she found joy in every aspect of horsemanship. While attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, Lee became one of the first founding female members of the rodeo team. It was there that she met her future husband, Marvin, and was honored as the second Rodeo Queen. Her family fondly noted that Lee was an excellent judge of both "horse flesh and human character."

After college, Lee competed on barrels professionally and was deeply involved in the Tennessee Junior Rodeo Association and the Tennessee High School Rodeo Association, serving in various capacities including officer roles and official timekeeper. She was also talented in buying, selling, breeding, and training horses, and several of her horses continue to compete successfully in many states today.

Another favorite pastime of Lee's was traveling with her husband, Marvin. Their adventures were most often road trips, reflecting Lee's preference to keep her feet on the ground and her heart in the West. Among her favorite destinations were Wyoming, Colorado, an Alaskan cruise, and Lake Tahoe.

Lee will be remembered for her strong faith, generous spirit, unwavering love for her family, and her lifelong dedication to horses and community. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched and the values she passed down to her family.

Lee was preceded in death by her daughter Dana Lee Youngerman, her mother Polly Doyle Jones, and father Harvey Lee Jones.

Visitation with the Youngerman family will be held Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pafford Funeral Home, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at New Hope Church in the Shady Hill Community outside of Lexington. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the church, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be sent to a charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Methodist Cemetery

4770 Shady Hill Rd.
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Methodist Church
4770 Shady Hill Rd
Lexington, TN

Church Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Methodist Church
4770 Shady Hill Rd
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Very sorry to hear about Lee's passing. What a great family. Marvin and Lee were always so kind and good to us. May God be with you all and continue to direct your paths.*

John and Diane Luthi

John Luthi - January 02 at 09:15 AM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman*



Linda Elam - December 22, 2025 at 11:07 PM

SM

“ *Sue McPeake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman*



Sue McPeake - December 21, 2025 at 12:03 PM

SP

“ *On behalf of Jean, Cindy and myself (Susie), we are deeply saddened by the passing of one of the loveliest people God put here on earth. May God bring comfort to all the family and friends that mourn Lee's passing.*

——the Jackson's

Susan Pennington - December 20, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *Amanda Henry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman*



Amanda Henry - December 20, 2025 at 09:18 AM

AS

“ *I met Ms Lee in a dollar general store. We started talking and about an hour later we were best friends. Such a beautiful woman and I love how she truly let her light shine. Never forget that encounter.*

Arlene Harlow Spain - December 20, 2025 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Lee lived a life so rich and full, and her heavenly life will be even more so. My prayer for you all, dear friends, is that God will hold you and comfort you until you see her again in Gloryland.*

Pam Taylor - December 19, 2025 at 10:00 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Casey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman*



Brenda Casey - December 19, 2025 at 09:27 PM

SV

“ *Prayers for you all during this time!*

Steve and Elizabeth Vineyard - December 19, 2025 at 06:30 PM

DT

“ So sorry to hear this sad news.



Darlene Tucker - December 19, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JA

“ Jennifer Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman



Jennifer Adams - December 19, 2025 at 03:39 PM

TA

“ Titan Ag purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.



Titan Ag - December 19, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JS

“ Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman



Jerry Stegall - December 19, 2025 at 01:36 PM

PC

“ Patsy Coffman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman



Patsy Coffman - December 19, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.



December 19, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.



December 18, 2025 at 10:30 PM

GW

“ Gary & Delores Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman



Gary & Delores Williams - December 18, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.*



December 18, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ *On behalf of the American Soybean Association board members and staff, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family on the passing of Mrs. Youngerman. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you and your family and we wish you strength and comfort as you mourn your loss. We have made a donation to the American Cancer Society in honor of Lee.*

Kim Cox - December 18, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman*



Sandra Maness - December 18, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *We extend our deepest and sincere sympathy to Marvin, Casey, and Alex and the entire family on your great loss. She will be missed by all who knew her. Dale and Regina Moody.*

Regina Moody - December 18, 2025 at 07:03 PM

TH

“ Tana and Arthur Hammontree planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.

Tana and Arthur Hammontree - December 18, 2025 at 06:33 PM

TH

“ Tana and Arthur Hammontree purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.



Tana and Arthur Hammontree - December 18, 2025 at 06:33 PM

BS

“ Barbara Nichols, Janice and John Swords planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.

Barbara Nichols, Janice and John Swords - December 18, 2025 at 05:46 PM

BS

“ Barbara Nichols, Janice and John Swords purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.



Barbara Nichols, Janice and John Swords - December 18, 2025 at 05:46 PM

BF

“ *Brzuchowski Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lee Youngerman.*



Brzuchowski Family - December 18, 2025 at 05:44 PM

DB

“ *We haven't know Lee and her family for long, just moved to Tennessee in 2021. Her and her family welcomed us with open arms and took us under their wing and treated us as family. Will cherish the memories we have with her. Love and prayers to all the family, Fly high Lee with those beautiful wings. The Brzuchowski Family (Bernard, Diana and Kevin)*

Diana Brzuchowski - December 18, 2025 at 05:26 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman*



Kathy Renfroe - December 18, 2025 at 05:23 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman*



Rhonda Sanders - December 18, 2025 at 05:04 PM

TH

“ I can see her beautiful smile now. I am going to miss this sweet lady so much. I know she is rejoicing in God's kingdom and embracing her precious daughter for the first time in many years. We are praying for Marvin, Casey, Sara, Alex, Molly and the grandchildren as well as her siblings. May God be with you as you navigate life without this precious lady. We love all of you.

Tana and Arthur Hammontree - December 18, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee Youngerman



Cotton Rhodes - December 18, 2025 at 04:08 PM

BH

“ We always enjoyed spending time with the family. Prayers for the family. God give you all comfort & strength in the days ahead. Love & Prayers Bruce & Joyce Hughes



Bruce & Joyce Hughes - December 18, 2025 at 03:46 PM

SW

“ Loved this precious lady so much. Always had the warm smile whenever you saw her Rest peacefully my dear friend. Prayers for Marvin the boys and the whole family. Sherry Walker

sherry Walker - December 18, 2025 at 03:12 PM