



Mary Elizabeth Jackson

December 8, 1941 - September 15, 2018

Mary Elizabeth Jackson age 76 of Winter Garden, FL. She was born in Gallatin, Tennessee one day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor to the late Malcolm Blondy Vaughan and the late Mildred Athenese Keith Vaughan. The story goes, Mary's mother was so shaken by the bombing that she "dropped" Mary the day after. She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard Edward Jackson, her brother George Vaughn (Linda), her brother David Vaughn, her half sister Frances Brown, and her half-sister Patricia Murphy. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lucinda Wilson, (James Eugene) & son Raymond Malcolm Jackson (Missa). She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren as well as her sister, Maxine Rather (M.C.), her half-brother, Harvey Thaxton (Connie), and several nieces and nephews. Mary was an excellent LPN and prior to that a well loved school bus driver for the Sumner County, TN school system. In addition, she and her husband farmed for years and raised many crops of tobacco. It was Mary's wish that no service be held. She frequently said, "I don't want anyone standing over a casket and crying over me, nor over a grave." "If you are going to bring me flowers, do it while I'm alive and can still enjoy them." So, per her wishes, there will be no service and her body will be cremated. In lieu of flowers for her, please send some to someone you love that is still living so they can enjoy them or perhaps make a donation to your favorite charity in her memory. She was a strong, capable woman who was loved dearly by all who encountered her. She will be deeply missed. Page Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 914 West Main Street, Leesburg, Florida. On line condolences to the family at

<http://www.pagetheusfuneralhome.com>

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“ My prayers are with you all! Mary - you were a great friend, confidant, encourager, generous, loving person who was always positive and made me laugh! I know God put you in my path when I came to Tennessee. You were family. Your home was always open and there was always food. Fresh home cooked food - from the garden, lake, creek or sea. What memories I have. Too many to write. Thank you for being there all those many years. I will never forget the difference you made in my life. Thank you for being you.



Monica Frost - September 19, 2018 at 12:17 AM



“ Mary was a true long-time, dearly loved person! Mary was an inspiration in my life. We enjoyed many visits, talking, watching the birds, prepared garden goodies, and more! Mary was the best of everything in life!! Love and admired her needle work, her fish fry will never be beat by anyone! Mary was a friend, sister and I loved her like a mother. Mary is a legend! RIP Mary! Until we meet again!



Melinda Fischer - September 18, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ Too many memories to ever share them all. She was selfless. Always put everyone else first. She loved nature, being outdoors, fishing and being near the water. Everyone that knew her loved her. She could out work many a man and I watched her do it more than once in a tobacco field. The men would be begging her to slow down! She was very frugal. I've seen her stretch groceries to make sure no one left hungry on more than one occasion and her fish fry's were the talk of Tennessee. Nothing ever went to waste with her. She would carefully take the tape off Christmas packages in order to save the paper. You would see it again next Christmas for sure. She was strong, a survivor, resilient, capable, and if I can even be half of what she was, then I've accomplished something. Thanks for being my shining example Momma. I'll always love you and I look forward to the day when we will be together again.
Cindy

Cindy Wilson - September 18, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ Was a very remarkable woman. I remember for Thanksgiving and Christmas she would make me a little ham because I didn't eat turkey, she would go out of her way to be nice to people. She was a great lady and I will miss her. Love you Mom!

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