



Dixie Austin Whitaker

December 13, 1931 - January 29, 2021

Dixie Austin Whitaker of Decherd, Tennessee passed away January 29th peacefully, at her home. The daughter of the late Richard M. and Mary P. Austin, she was born in 1931, raised in Decherd. She was a cheerleader for and graduated from Franklin County High School. Thereafter, she studied at the University of Georgia and Tennessee Technological University. After her graduation from college in 1953 she began teaching at Tullahoma's West Junior High School. She later taught, for many years, various grades at East Lincoln Elementary School in Tullahoma. She loved and never stopped talking about her students. She was predeceased by her husband, Henry T. (Tommy) Whitaker, who she married in 1955. Her surviving children are Mary Nell Hess (Bill) of Decherd, Richard M. Whitaker (Barbara) of Clearwater, Florida, and Dixie Ann Anderson (Casey) of Decherd. Her oldest son, Henry Thomas (Tommy) Whitaker, predeceased her. She is survived by twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. The couple moved from Tullahoma to Decherd in 1974 and lived a very happy married life there until Tommy's death in 1995. Thereafter, Dixie enjoyed her children and grandchildren in Decherd until her health just recently failed. The family will conduct a graveside service at Mount Garner Cemetery, in Decherd. Once the COVID virus retreats, the family plans to have a memorial service.

Please visit our website at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com to leave online condolences. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ So very sad to read of Dixie's passing. Such a wonderfully kind person; long time friend. Deepest sympathy to Mary Nell, Ann & all the family. In Christian Love, Ann Arledge Powell



Ann A. Powell - January 30 at 08:12 PM



“ Dear Whittaker Family,
Both of your parents have been very special to us over the years. When they came to Tullahoma we were in the 7th grade. We have had a wonderful relationship over the years. We remember you from the Minute Saver and we have had great visits in Decherd, TN after they retired. Your mother was a lovely lady.
S.W. & Carolyn Stone

S.W. & Carolyn Stone - February 03 at 05:54 PM