



## Mary Noble Angel Bennett

February 21, 1921 - May 10, 2014

Mary Noble Angel (Mrs. Charles V.) Bennett, known as “Mimi” to her grandchildren, died May 10, 2014, at Life Care Center, Tullahoma, TN. She was born February 21, 1921 in Rockingham, NC, the daughter of Constantine(Enie) and Edna Angel. She was united in marriage to Charles V. (Chuck) Bennett of Alexandria, IN on May 21, 1944. He preceded her in death on January 7, 1992. She was additionally preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Verell of Hampton, VA and a brother, Charles Angel, of Greensboro, NC. Mary Noble received her bachelor’s degree in music at Greensboro College and continued to make music a significant part of her life. In addition to teaching music at East Junior High and Bel-Aire Elementary School, she taught piano privately to many area children. She also provided accompaniment for many high school, church and civic music performances. Her greatest passion, however, was her forty years as organist at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, until failing eyesight forced her retirement in 2003. She was later named Organist Emeritus at a special dedication ceremony at the church.

Mary Noble had an unwavering faith in God, and she was a long-time member of St. Barnabas. She was also a member of the AEDC Women’s Club, the Tullahoma Civic Choir and the Community Concert Choir.

She is survived by her three sons and their spouses: Chip (Rosalyn)Bennett, Palestine, TX, Doug (Cathy) Bennett, Tullahoma, and Greg (Peri) Bennett, Oklahoma City, OK; grandchildren Scott and Katie Bennett, Oklahoma City,

OK, Alicia Halbert (Jim), Waco, TX; and great-grandchildren: Reid and Kathryn Halbert, Waco, TX.

One thing not widely known about Mary Noble was her involvement during and after World War II as an aeronautical draftsman. She spent the war years working for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Her favorite duty with the war effort was her work in drafting blueprints for the B-36 bomber; as her children fondly poked fun at her that it was the only bomber in the US Air Force with its six engines designed to be attached backward.

Visitation will be Friday, May 16, 2014 from 5 PM – 8 PM at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home. A private family burial service will be held Saturday, May 17, and a Celebration of Life Memorial Service is planned for a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Barnabas Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be made at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Noble Angel Bennett*

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January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Chip, Doug, Greg and families,  
Sending loving thoughts and prayers to you as I remember your  
wonderful mom, who shared her gift of music with so many of us at  
St. Barnabas and beyond.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Melissa Stepp Birdsong*

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**Melissa Birdsong** - May 19, 2014 at 09:52 AM



“ *Mary Noble was a tremendous force throughout our family's  
life....first in Junior choir and then a friend to my Mother as her  
health declined. I vividly remember a day when MaryNoble visited  
and she and my Mom reminisced about the music program at St.  
Barnabus', the special relationship between an organist with the  
clergy and they laughed for hours about their shared forty years of  
memories together. It brought me great joy to hear and see their  
friendship in its pure form.  
My deepest sympathy to Mary Nobles' dear boys and their families .  
With Much Love.  
Linda Gray*

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**Linda Gray-Slovis** - May 18, 2014 at 07:16 AM

KW

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Noble and want the family to know I am thinking about them today. Looking forward to reuniting with her in Heaven to catch up! Love, Kim

Kim White - May 16, 2014 at 07:33 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Noble Angel Bennett.



May 14, 2014 at 09:24 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Noble Angel Bennett.



May 14, 2014 at 09:23 AM

MI

“ I will have fond memories of Mary. She and I. Memories of just talking to each other about this and that and the other. About her favorite color, favorite classical piece, her favorite candy bar, and sometimes, not so favorite things you see. I will remember her laughing out loud, enjoying herself. Letting go, capturing the moment in time, singing, saying silly things, not caring or thinking about what tomorrow may bring. o sometimes there were a few bad days there always is but I could just hear Mary say," I just go to bed and rest awhile and get up tomorrow and try it again. A remarkable women she was and I will miss her.

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**Michele** - May 13, 2014 at 11:35 PM

BF

“ I remember Mrs. Bennett from Bel Aire in the mid 60s. She kindled and interest in music that continues to this day. I listen to classical music while reading most every evening. Thank you Mrs. Bennett, and God bless.

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**Bill Fraley** - May 13, 2014 at 11:01 PM

BM

“ I am very sorry to hear of Mary Noble passing. She had such a great influence on many kids who grew up in Tullahoma including me as my music teacher at East Jr. High. I always enjoyed talking with her and she loved to tell and hear stories of what people were doing. She will be missed but only for a while until God call us home as well.

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**Bill McCord** - May 13, 2014 at 08:50 PM

EM

“ Never did get to hear you play the piano but I enjoyed spending time with you while I worked. You were so sweet. May God bless your family in these coming days.

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**Emily** - May 13, 2014 at 06:35 PM

BJ

“ I have several fond memories of Ms. Mary. I loved the way she could always recite nursery rhymes and I will always remember her passion for eating Mounds candy bars. RIP Mary Noble Angel Bennett.

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**Barbara James** - May 13, 2014 at 06:32 PM



Pamela  
Freeman

“ Loved her laugh and how she could quote nursery rhymes. Sweet lady. I will miss her. Pamela Freeman

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**Pamela Freeman** - May 13, 2014 at 01:37 PM

LR

“ Chip, Doug, and Greg: I always loved your mother. She was a wonderful music teacher at Bel-Aire. We learned Gilbert and Sullivan songs, and forty years later I can still sing/recite all fifty states in rhythmic, alphabetical order because she taught us the song "Fifty Nifty United States." And she was most patient with my off-key singing in the St. Barnabas junior choir. But most of all, I remember her as a dear friend of our family. I spent a good deal of time with both your parents growing up, and I loved their sense of humor and spirit. My mother has lost a dear friend. My thought and prayers are with your family. -- Laura Hightower Robison

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**Laura Robison** - May 13, 2014 at 09:37 AM

AN

“ *Andy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Noble Angel Bennett*



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**Andy** - May 13, 2014 at 07:55 AM

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*Fond memories of Mrs. Bennett from my childhood & times at Bel-Aire. Thoughts and prayers with the family at this time.*

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**Andy** - May 13, 2014 at 07:57 AM