



Searcy Couch Hopkins

December 11, 1922 - August 22, 2019

Mary Searcy (Couch) King Hopkins was born at 308 N Atlantic Street in Tullahoma, TN on December 11, 1922 to Robert Laughlin and Anabel Douthit (Searcy) Couch, Sr. She lived in Levelland, TX, Ft Lauderdale, FL, Shelbyville, TN and Titusville, FL before returning “home” in 2000. Surrounded by her loving family, she passed away at home on August 22, 2019.

Searcy worked several places but her favorite ones to talk about were WJ Couch & Co (now Daddy Billy’s), Couch’s, King Drugs (the first Walgreens Agency in Tullahoma.) After she retired from the State of Florida, she really enjoyed selling real estate. She loved everything about Tullahoma and especially liked talking about Camp Forrest days. She never missed an opportunity to go dancing with her friends and the soldiers, and was a proud supporter of the USO!

She most loved being with her family and telling stories. She had a wonderful sense of humor and could always be counted on for a good joke. She loved looking for four leaf clovers, working crossword and sudoku puzzles, watching Wheel of Fortune, and cheering for the Wildcats and Volunteers!

In 1970, Searcy was elected as an Executive Committeewoman serving with Gov. Winfield Dunn. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 43, Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of the Eastern

Star, Historic Preservation Society of Tullahoma, and the First Christian Church.

After moving back home, she was thrilled to learn that her dear friend, Alice (Harton) Ratcliffe spearheaded an effort to save the first public school building in Tullahoma and turn it into a performing arts center. She loved talking about old times going to school there and performing on stage. She was thrilled to attend as many events as possible and was excited to be the first person to join the Alumni Membership of the South Jackson Civic Center, which helps preserve the historic building.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husbands Grover Cleveland "G.C." King, Jr., and Thomas A.A. "Hop" Hopkins, daughter Mary King, and brother Robert Laughlin "Bob" Couch, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory - daughters Searcy Dianne King, Tullahoma, Kenny and Nancy (King) Phillips, Bell Buckle, Bill and Marilyn (Hopkins) Phillips, Madison, AL, and Kathryn Hopkins, sister Dot (Couch) Watson and husband Tom, and sister-in-law Dot (Morton) Couch, all of Tullahoma.

Grandchildren Scott and Ruth (Hines) Speelman, Haven and Mandy (Phillips) Shaw, David and Jennifer (Phillips) McGee, and Winn and Gemma (Vines) Phillips.

Great grandchildren Anna and Zach Speelman, Walt, Boone, and Will Shaw, Tucker and Tipton McGee, and Kennie Reese Phillips.

Special first cousins Bob and Sally Grove, Commerce, TX, and Tom and Pam Searcy, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Nieces and nephews Jon and Fran (Couch) Gray, Candy Couch, Dave and Mary Beth (Watson) Gass, Anabel (Watson) Hobbs, Tommy and Jancie Bragg, Stephen and Beth McDowell, Ed and Elizabeth (McDowell) Dement, John and Michelle McCord, James and Kristian McCord, Bill McCord, Bruce and Rosalyn Poitevin, Bill Poitevin, and Richard Poitevin, and many great nieces and nephews.

Her family and friends will miss her wit, bright smile, and peppermint candy.

Visitation will be held on August 27, 2019 from 5-8 pm at Daves Culbertson Funeral Home; funeral services will be held on August 28, 2019 at 11:30 am at First Christian Church, with burial to follow at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Tullahoma, TN.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Alumni Fund, South Jackson Civic Center, PO Box 326, Tullahoma, TN 37388 (online: southjackson.org) or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com
DAVES-CULBERSTON FUNERAL HOME IS IN CHARGE OF
ARRANGEMENTS

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Memorial Gardens

4758 New Manchester Highway
Tullahoma, TN 37388
<http://www.rosehillmemorialgardens.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home
401 N Jackson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
(931) 455-3481

Service

AUG 28. 11:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
Tullahoma, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Searcy Couch Hopkins* ”

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies during this very trying time.....* ”

“Gone from our sight but never our hearts”.

*Roy & Cathy Bobinyec-Stallings
Savannah, Georgia*



Roy & Cathy Stallings - August 29, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *Byron and Iren purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Searcy Couch Hopkins.* ”



Byron and Iren - August 27, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Searcy Couch Hopkins.* ”



August 26, 2019 at 02:58 PM

TT

“ *The Boeing Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Searcy Couch Hopkins.*



The Boeing Team - August 26, 2019 at 09:10 AM

TM

“ *I feel like I know your mom well. She was always on the match list for my dad, TW Bill McKee, his sister Nell Lee McKee and their 1st cousin Mary Burgess Winchester whose mothers were Couch sisters.*

We lost all three of them over the last few years and now your mom is joining them for a great reunion.

We all share your loss of someone special.

Cousin Tom R McKee

Thomas R McKee - August 25, 2019 at 11:58 PM

JC

“ *We are so sorry to hear about your beautiful mom.*
Judy & Troy Carter

Judy Carter - August 25, 2019 at 09:23 PM

JC

“ *Oh, we are so sorry to hear about your beautiful mom!*
Judy & Troy Carter

Judy Carter - August 25, 2019 at 09:21 PM

PK

“ Our sincere condolences to Searcy Dianne and to all of Mrs. Hopkins' family. When we love a mother, a big void remains in our hearts. But the memories that remain are stronger than ever. We send our love and strength. - Phil and Sue King

Phil and Sue King - August 24, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Searcy Couch Hopkins.



August 24, 2019 at 01:17 PM

CF

“ What a great lady! She will be missed.

Carolyn Frederick - August 23, 2019 at 11:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Searcy Couch Hopkins.



August 23, 2019 at 11:13 PM

VW

“ Kathryn, I hope you can find joy in the gift of memories, peace in the embrace of family and friends, and healing in the promise of everlasting life.

Virginia Gooch Watson

Virginia Gooch Watson - August 23, 2019 at 04:11 PM

WG

“ Wayne Weir And Jeanette Goodwin-Weir lit a candle in memory of Searcy Couch Hopkins



Wayne Weir and Jeanette Goodwin-Weir - August 23, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Searcy Couch Hopkins.



August 23, 2019 at 12:38 PM