



## Vernie Lee Hastings

February 20, 1933 - August 9, 2022

Vernie Lee Hastings, of Tullahoma, passed this life on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 having been surrounded by her three children her last few days. Funeral Services are scheduled for 2 PM on August 13, 2022 at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home. The family will accept friends from 12 PM until service time. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

Vernie was born February 20, 1933 to Houston and Nora Pless. At birth, she contracted double pneumonia. Starting early in life as a “fighter”, Vernie overcame the pneumonia and lived a very good life of 89 years.

Vernie graduated from Tullahoma High School in the Class of 1951. In her early years after high school, she enjoyed seven years of employment for ARO at AEDC in Tullahoma. Upon marriage and later birth of her first child, Vernie became a mother and homemaker – a role she took seriously and fulfilled to the utmost. Her additional roles in life as a daughter, sister, wife, aunt, “2nd mother” and friend to many were the pride in her life. As a mother, she was a scout leader for all 3 children and a supporter in all their athletic involvement.

In later years, arthritis challenged Vernie and her lifestyle. Using a walker to aid in her mobility, she continued to live independently and take care of herself with minimal help. From her early days as a “fighter”, she continued to persevere until most recently when additional health issues surfaced. Ironically, as she entered this world with pneumonia, it was bi-lateral pneumonia that gave her the last challenge of her life.

Vernie was pre-deceased by her parents, Houston and Nora Pless, husbands, Thomas (Tommy) Hale and Thomas (Slim) Hastings, two brothers, Bruce and Bill Pless, sister-in-law, Gloria Pless, and two grandchildren, Samantha Lynn and Tyler Lee Hatfield. Vernie leaves her memories to be cherished by her daughter, Tammy (Sam) Hatfield; sons, Bryan (Abbe) Hale, and Brent (Leanne) Hale; step-son, Ronnie (Sandy) Bonnell; her brother, Ray Pless; step-grandchildren, Angela (John) Thompson and Wade (Rhonda) Hatfield. She also leaves behind a host of loving nieces and nephews who affectionately referred to her as "Aunt Meme and "Aunt Bebe".

Vernie was encouraged to love pets as she leaves behind 12 "fur baby" grandchildren – 9 cats and 3 dogs.... 6 horses too! Our mother will be missed by all who knew and loved her as mom, sister, aunt, or "Ms. Vernie".

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Animal Harbor, PO Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398 or a charity of your choice.

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

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

AUG 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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401 N Jackson Street  
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## Burial

AUG 13 (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Vernie Lee Hastings

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ I didn't know Ms. Vernie very well, but I was lucky to meet Her when I tagged along with Tammy on one of her visits. I truly felt I was in the right place at the right time that day. What a delightful visit we had and what an interesting person she was. She will be missed by so many for sure.

Melissa Garner - August 19, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ What a wonderful neighbor Vernie and Slim were back in the days on Tim's Ford. My heart is sad. 😞 God bless you all Tammy. Love.

Jackie York - August 14, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy from Allen and Carole Kimbro

carole kimbro - August 13, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Tammy, Bryan and Brent - I am so sorry for your loss. We had such a great time growing up on McKellar Dr and I have so many great memories of your mom. Bryan - you were my 4th grade boyfriend and I remember your mom making sure you let me win at croquet one time in your backyard. She was so caring and funny and loved her family! I know you all will miss her but she certainly left a wonderful legacy in all of you. Live, Anne

Anne Baer Marshall - August 12, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.*



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August 12, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *You will be missed by so many who loved you Aunt Vernie. I appreciate all the love and care you displayed to all of us nephews and nieces.  
To my first cousins Tammy, Brian and Brent, I love you, you sure had a great Mom!!!*

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**David M Pless** - August 12, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Tammy, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Just know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jane and Vince Eggleston*

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**Jane Eggleston** - August 12, 2022 at 01:41 AM



“ I had the pleasure of taking care of Vernie for the last year and a half. We spent many days together. Shared good times and bad. Became the best of friends. We have traveled many miles together going to doctor visits in Nashville, Franklin and Manchester. She always amazed me at how good her memory was when telling her medical history to her doctors. She didn't forget anything! Her determination to live and all that she went through was an inspiration to me. We never know what we will have to go through before we leave this world. I will always love and truly miss Vernie. She holds a very special place in my heart. It's like losing a 2nd Mom and friend. Rest in Peace Vernie. You will never be forgotten. 💙



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Shawn Daniel - August 11, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.



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August 11, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.



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August 11, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.*



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August 11, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Keith Neal purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.*



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**Keith Neal** - August 11, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.*



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August 11, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.*



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August 11, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Vernie Lee Hastings.



August 10, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ Vernie and her family were my neighbors back in the late 1970s - some of the best neighbors I've ever had....she was the one who told me Elvis died - that's how long ago it was.....we used to play 'beauty shop' somedays when she would ask me to roll her hair and sometimes I even cut it...what trust ! ha...we shared many strawberry pies from the newly opened Shoneys in Tullahoma...I always admired how she deeply loved her children and how well she took such loving care of them when they were growing up. I am so grateful that I and my daughter, Kerry, were able to visit her recently. I love each of you 'children', Tammy, Brent and Bryan....you will all be in my thoughts during this time of loss. RIP sweet Vernie, you have lived a full and meaningful life and you will be missed by so many of us.



**Peggy Cobb** - August 10, 2022 at 07:57 PM



Sweet pictures ❤️

**Shawn Daniel** - August 12, 2022 at 08:30 AM