



Mrs. Bette R Manning

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On Wednesday, July 25, 2018, Bette Jo Manning passed peacefully from this life at her home in Gallatin, Tennessee, three days before her 85th birthday.

Born on a July day in 1933 as the only child of Joseph and Besse Reding in Tiptonville, Tennessee, Bette Jo grew up to be a beautiful and vivacious woman. She attended Memphis State University and was an active participant and frequent organizer of school, charity, and community events.

She married William (Bill) Manning, a dashing handsome naval officer, in December of 1954. They supported, challenged, loved, and cared for one another for 63 years. Their son, David (Betsy) was born in Key West in 1956, during Bill's naval service on the USS Bushnell. The family relocated to Nashville in 1957, and daughter Sherrye was born in 1958. The Manning family eventually settled on the banks of the Cumberland River in Madison, where Bill set up a flourishing dental practice and they raised Tennessee Walking Horses for a number of years.

A study in contradictions, Bette Jo was as accomplished in the saddle as she was in the kitchen. Her script penmanship was impeccable, but she was also passionate about new technology and the first in the family to own a computer. She loved a good party, but her favorite way to unwind was with a crossword puzzle.

She was deeply committed to her family and doted on her grandchildren, Brian Manning (Cassidy), Jennifer Batchelor (Jon), and Christopher Teague (Stephanie) when they were growing up. She never failed to record their favorite TV programs on the VCR, stayed up late more than once to unlock the next level of a Mario Brothers video game for them, and made it her personal mission to secure whatever the hot toy was that Christmas, including the epic Cabbage Patch Doll search of 1984. She sat proudly at every school event, ball game, and birthday party, and quickly forgave the times they shattered her coffee table, poked a hole in the basement ceiling with a pool cue, and set her bathroom trashcan on fire (all accidentally, of course).



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Later in life, her eight great-grandchildren, Luke, Lucy, London, Finn, Nathan, Ellie, Asher, and Norah, brought her much joy. They all inherited her penchant for cake icing, and she loved hearing about their accomplishments and achievements. Her enthusiastic “I am SO proud of you!”, which was always accompanied by an enveloping hug, was generous and sincere.

Her stories, her laughter, and her delicious iced Christmas cookies will be deeply missed. Her family will be receiving friends on Friday, July 27th from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, July 28th from 9-11 a.m. at Spring Hill Funeral Home, to be immediately followed by a celebration of life service at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, her family encourages you to spoil and dote on the ones you love, as Bette Jo always did.



Events

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Visitation

- Friday, July 27, 2018**
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



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- Saturday, July 28, 2018**
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
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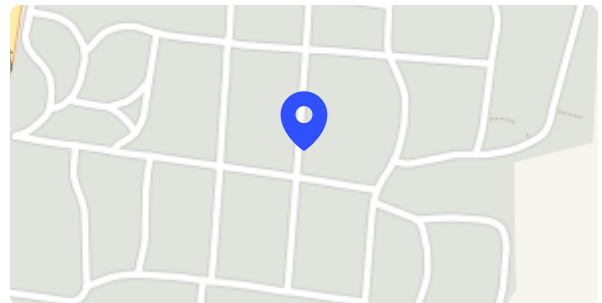
Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

- Saturday, July 28, 2018**
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**
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Cemetery Details

- Spring Hill Cemetery**
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- 615-866-1419**





Tribute Wall

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Martha Crutcher shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Sherry we just heard about the loss of your mother she was a beautiful lady my mom work for but she was more than that to our family the Manning were always there when we were in need my mom loved the family and especially the Manning kid's your family was always good to us and the Crutcher family is so sorry to hear of loss Sherry the two ladies that you loved so much are together again having a long walking and laughing with joy so knowing that they are up there together again makes me smile she is gone but never to be forgotten praying for you all and love you

July 29 at 1:09 PM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Manning family.



July 27 at 2:49 AM



Jessica Wilson lit a candle in honor of Bette.



I only had a short time with this beautiful lady . But It was my duty by God to be her caregiver. Had a long shift one day with her and she was my blessing she listened to my every word while I read a sad book out loud and allowed me to cry . I Thank her wonderful family for their kindness and welcoming manner

July 26 at 8:52 PM



Anonymous sent a Pretty Please to the Manning family.



July 26 at 1:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Manning family.



July 26 at 1:27 PM



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Your Friends At Dcli sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Manning family.

July 26 at 11:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Peace Eternal Wreath to the Manning family.

July 26 at 10:38 AM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bette by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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