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On September 8, 1933, Clarence and Gertrude Lovell of Nashville, Tennessee welcomed their fourth child, Mary Katherine. She was a quiet, sweet little girl that grew up in Nashville under the watchful eye of her three older brothers, Clarence Jr., George, Ed and one younger brother Arthur (Bud). She was simply “one of the boys” who believed herself to be able to accomplish anything her brothers did. Her mother passed away when Mary was just fourteen, after which she became part tomboy and part caring nurturer. The Lovells raised their family in the traditions and faith of the Baptist Church. Mary’s spiritual beliefs remained an important priority all her life. She attended North High School and slipped into adulthood as a demure, rather introverted young lady. While she was rarely the first to seek out strangers and attention-getting activities, she was always quick to join into the fun. On the dance floor, however, Mary would emerge as the belle of the ball. She absolutely loved to dance in her flouncy, flared swing tail skirts that sashayed with her favorite steps. Her picture albums are bursting with photos of Mary dancing with her brothers. Unlike Mother, Daughter The petite, brown-eyed brunette certainly managed to capture the attention and the heart of her best suitor, Charles H. Richardson. By 1953, they were married and expecting their proudest moment with the birth of their own daughter, Pamela Ruth. They settled into a peaceful routine



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with Charles working at the Ford plant while Mary took up a career with the jewellery warehouse Service Merchandise. The family was always Mary's prime focus. She managed the household and was a wonderful cook. Although Pamela was definitely Daddy's Little Girl – extroverted and always the center of attention – she holds fond memories of time spent with her Mother. With Charles working shifts, Mary and her daughter would routinely take the city bus downtown on Saturdays for a day of shopping or borrow the car to go to the drive-in to see family-rated movies and new Elvis releases. The family always enjoyed their vacations together and with others; they often organized trips with Charles' sister and family. The two families were so close that their daughter, Elaine, grew up more like a sister than a cousin to Pamela, and much like a second daughter to Mary. An Angel to Watch Over Us Wedded harmony, however, proved elusive and their marriage ended in divorce in 1979. Mary continued to work until her retirement from Service Merchandise. She would still enjoy her Saturday night outings to the American Legion Hall where she would spend the entire evening on the dance floor. She also continued to follow her favorite sports team, the Titans, watching every game on the television. During these years, she spent a great deal of time with her daughter and the two strengthened their bonds of kinship and friendship. They were both distraught when Charles passed away in 1991, shortly after retiring from his career at Ford. The world started changing for Mary in the 90s. Behavior changes and erratic compartment were the early warning signs of the dementia that dominated the last twenty years of her life. She moved into Donelson Place and became a long-term member of that community, enjoying social events and Sunday Church service in the company of her daughter. Mary remained the quiet, sweet, kind person she had been all her life. She maintained her sense of humour as she, Pamela and Elaine inadvertently caused security lock-downs on more than one occasion with her tendency to wander off. She was delighted with the never-ending supply of her favorite Oreo cookies and milk that Pamela kept replenished for her until her passing on Christmas Eve, 2012. From today onwards, a new angel will grace our homes every holiday season and throughout the year when we remember the love and joy that Mary shared with us all.



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Anonymous posted:

just wanted to say i have been thinking of you. got to work tomorrow of course till six and today just got back from taking danny to dr. having back surgery on the 9th. you will always be one of my best friends. pam helm

December 27 at 4:18 PM



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