



Mrs. Ola Mae Vaughan

March 22, 1931 - April 17, 2020

Ola Mae Vaughan, 89, of Brentwood, Tennessee passed away on Friday, April 17, 2020. Born March 22, 1931 in Nashville, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late Sterling Tatum and Naomi Hagewood Tatum.

She never met a stranger. And if she did, they were not a stranger for very long. She had retired from Nashville Electric Service after 30 plus years of service. In her spare time, she enjoyed researching the genealogy of her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years Billy Claude Vaughan; sister Mary Alice Moody.

She is survived by her daughter Kathleen Hartman; grandson Joseph Hartwell.

In accordance with Ola's wishes, she will be cremated.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.

Comments



“ Ms. Ola will surely be missed by all who knew her. I had the honor of going to her office one day. Scared to death, sitting there wondering what I had done, she looked at me and started laughing when she started playing a looney toon answering machine call. There were several of us that day that made the long walk to her office. Thankfully she had a sense of humor and from reading some of these messages, it cared over to her last days.
She was a sweet and kind lady to me and all her co-workers at NES.

Many blessings to the family,

Lisa Porter
NES

Lisa Porter - April 28 at 08:01 AM



“ Ola Vaughn

Ola and I were truly best friends forever. She liked to call me her BFF. She was so young at heart. It really didn't matter how many years she had been on earth. She was hip and cool in her own Southern way. I found out she was born in 1931 and grew up in Nashville. She and I would drive around the ever growing and expanding city of Nashville and she would remember what it used to be like when she young. We would have lunch and maybe a couple of drinks sometimes and we could talk and laugh and even cry because we couldn't hold back the tears. We had a shared experience that brought us together.

I met her at Southern Care Assisted Living in Franklin. My wife Linda had just moved in there to spend some of her final days. Her husband Billy had already been there a couple of years. I was new to all of it and she had been dealing with her husband being gone from home for about the past 4 years or so already. One day at lunch at Southern Care where we could be with our partners, she said she was going to the Cannery that night. I said what?!

It was a rock and roll music venue. She said yep. There was an art extravaganza event with booths and a fashion show, and I went and there she was with a couple of friends being lively and I realized she was also a whole other person than just the caring wife at Southern Care.

We became fast friends. She helped me find the right care for Linda when I was able to bring her home to pass away. I was given the perfect mother/ daughter team to care for her. She did so many things to help others.

She had a grounded and somewhat salty way of truth that was also light and caring and Southern. A very special combination. There is so much involved in dealing with the death industry that can make a person a bit crazy and even angry and she helped guide me through a very strange and difficult time. I could always count on

her.

Linda passed, Billy passed and we had each other to share our grief and the long trip to becoming ourselves again with new life before us. We would have a lunch and be laughing and then it could turn with just a comment about what we had been through and much needed tears could come through. It was a balancing act of therapy.

Time passed and she would come to hear the band I play with called the Long Players. I would save her a table on the balcony above the stage where she and her daughter Kathleen and other friends could near and see the band well. Here she was, in her 80's coming to see every show of a rock band. How cool is that?

There are so many little adventures and secrets we shared and good times now that we were over such a difficult period of loss. We relished that we both knew what we knew and had grown with time to a new place in our lives.

She was one smart cookie and liked to keep in touch on Facebook and ancestry and go to the V and have a good time with her friends. We even performed there on her birthday. She sang 'Chattanooga Choo Choo'!

Ola was a truly special Lady and friend. One of a kind. I hope to see you on the other side Ola.

Love
Steve

steve allen - April 23 at 10:14 AM



“ Ola always made my day when she would come to the Pourhouse to see The Taj Maholics. No matter how bad my day was going, she always made it better. We will miss you! Love Tom and Robin

Robin Lee - April 21 at 06:28 PM



“ Kathleen I knew your mom as our Manager at Nashville Electric Service. I always liked your mom as we shared many memories at NES for 38 years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your son during this time. Ola will be surely missed.

Judy Head
NES Retiree



Judy Head - April 20 at 04:30 PM



“ She was loved by many people. Her kindness made me feel so welcome when I moved here 5 yrs ago. I will always remember the night she bought the \$100 cake at the VFW. She was definitely a caring & giving person.

Sue Gleeson - April 20 at 12:12 PM



“ If there ever was an angel in heaven that truly earned her wings it was Ola Mae Vaughan. I'm so thankful to have known her for over 50 years of my life. She and Billy (BC) were some of the best friends my parents ever had. It was great knowing her and BC when both they and my parents were in the prime of their lives. The unique thing about Ola was that she was in the prime of her life until the evening she passed on to Glory. She was so competent in her work at Nashville Electric Service and was so respected by everyone there. She was such a good Mom to Kathleen and Grandmother to Joseph. She was a dedicated wife and her care for her Billy in his later years, as he suffered with debilitating dementia, inspired so many by showing what selfless love was all about. Ola loved life, her family, and her friends as much as anyone I've ever known. She had such a positive effect on so many lives and she embraced life with grace, kindness, and love every day. As she dances with her Billy and all of her friends who have gone on before her, she leaves us missing her presence and the joy she brought us just knowing her. The thoughts of her and BC being reunited with Ward and Tanny and all those she loved makes heaven feel like.....well heaven. Ola Mae Vaughan, may she rest in eternal love and peace in the arms of her Creator.

Gilbert Lovell - April 20 at 01:13 AM



“ I didn't know your mother/grandmother, Kathleen & Joe, but knowing the two of you, she must have also been a special person. I am sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories.

Winnie Little - April 19 at 03:29 PM



“ I always adored Ms. Ola. I guess I met her the same year I became great friends with Kathleen when we were in the third grade. I thought she was beautiful and so dignified. One favorite memory is watching her sing in the choir at Glenwood Baptist.

Linda Weems - April 19 at 09:20 PM



“ Kathleen and Joe- you know how much Ola meant to me and my family! So many memories that I have of her and I am forever blessed to have known her for so long! She was the dearest lady i have ever known! My prayers and love go out to you both during this difficult time! Love Caroline (Lovell) Storey

caroline storey - April 19 at 01:45 PM



“ When I was little we went to Olas home for a cook out, we thought her house was the coolest thing, her grandson joe took us on a ride with the golf cart. Her and Mr billy became family to us. As I got older Billy got sick and I had the pleasure of taking care of him and that drew me and Ms. Ola even closer. My kids look at you as a grandma and cherished you. We will forever remember your sweet self. Rest in paradise my angel

Laura Landauro - April 19 at 01:31 PM



“ My memory with Ms Ola is that we would laugh and smile the hole time we were together she was the most amazing person I know she will be truly be missed my prayers are with Kathleen and Joe



Theresa Cannon - April 19 at 01:29 PM