

Nell Golden May

April 22, 1927 - May 31, 2020

Nell Golden May, 93 of Tallahassee, Florida went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

She was born April 22, 1927, in Chipley, Florida, the daughter of Oliver and Mabel Golden. Nell grew up on a farm in Jackson County and moved to Leon County when she was a teenager. She graduated from Leon High School, Class of 1946. Nell worked at the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for 34 years.

In 1948, Nell married the love of her life, Ben May. What started out with a simple school note, grew into a life time of love and devotion. They were happily married for 45 years before Ben passed away in 1993.

Nell enjoyed reading her Bible, going to church and listening to gospel music. She lived her faith daily and often quoted her favorite Bible verse, Matthew 18:19 in times of need. She was a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church.

Nell was a beloved Mother who was the heart and soul of her family. She will always be remembered for her loving support, dedication, faithfulness and delicious cooking. Her positive outlook and beautiful smile will truly be missed. She is survived by her four children, Phil May, Karen May White (Ben White), Ted May and Don May (Kristie May). Her seven grandchildren, Michelle May Knowles, Ben May, Matthew White, John White, David White, Haley May Chandronnet, Morgan May along with her six great-grandchildren will always have sweet memories of their Grandma May.

Nell was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Mable Golden, sister, Sybil Herrell and brother, James Golden. She is also survived by her sister and best friend, Martha Eaton and her brother, Jack Golden.

The family will always be grateful to the wonderful staff at Westminster Oaks Bertrand Health Center for the love and care they gave Nell over the past 6 years.

The family will receive friends from 5:00PM until 7:00PM on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road. The funeral service will be at 11:00AM on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at Bevis Funeral Home. The funeral service can be viewed via live-stream on the Bevis Funeral Home website by clicking on Nell's obituary, then clicking on photos and videos tab at the time of the service. Interment will immediately follow at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Nell's name may be made to the Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Rocky Bevis and Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) are assisting the May family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Previous Events

The family will receive friends

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nell Golden May*



Bevis Funeral Home - June 03, 2020 at 09:47 AM

ST

Love to you and your family Don.....beautiful service and tribute to your precious momma.

Sharon Tyler - June 03, 2020 at 11:43 AM

DB

What a wonderful celebration of life. Fluffy.

Debbie Brown - June 03, 2020 at 11:47 AM

EF

Beautiful service May family! Praying for peace for all of you during this difficult time. We love you.

Ellen Farrell - June 03, 2020 at 11:48 AM

JD

What a lovely service. I have learned more about Nell's amazing life, shed a tear and laughed out loud. I thank Nell's family for sharing her with John Wesley United Methodist Church. Our members wanted the big celebration of life to happen in a different way, with us by your side to hug, tell stories and feed you! But this lovely service was a tribute that Nell well deserved. I chuckled that Morgan didn't want to nap to "weeet by and by". What a testimony to a loving grandmother that instills the love of Christ in the songs she sings to her grandchild. May you smile with blessed memories of Nell. Know that we at John Wesley do too.

Janet Dennis - June 03, 2020 at 02:28 PM

LB

Was grateful to share in this time with the May family. Remember meeting Nell ,her sister Martha and both their families MANY years ago when the Golden family was the rock of Gray Memorial UMC. And, yes,she was warm, smiling and inviting-to all! Years later at John Wesley UMC,as we held our Alternative Market,she was always one of first to volunteer in "Craft Shop",which pleased me! I loved her as a "Greeter"-for those same reasons...warm,smiling,inviting to ALL. She radiated-she "wore"Jesus on her face...Love,blessings and peace to all, Lucy Baer

Lucy Baer - June 03, 2020 at 05:56 PM



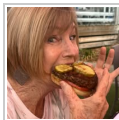
Thank y'all for sharing such great memories and the warmth and laughter of your mother. Love and prayers to you all!

Paul Peavy - June 03, 2020 at 06:46 PM

SR

Thank you for having a video set up so those of us who couldn't attend in person because of the pandemic were able to via technology. A beautiful service. Be blessed.

susan Pelfrey Russell - June 03, 2020 at 07:46 PM



It was an honor to spend time with Nell. Your family is blessed. I wish you all Godpeace.

Sondra Rowan - June 04, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Slideshow



Bevis Funeral Home - June 03, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ I enjoyed knowing Nell at John Wesley UMC and being in Sunday School with her. She always had a smile. She is missed!

Susan Carolyn Marvin - June 03, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ Don and family, my favorite memory of your Mom was at the luncheon where Haley was named volunteer of the year. I believe your Mom literally leapt for joy when the selection was announced. The smile on her face was pure love. A small special moment in a life well lived.

Peace,
Pat and Jane

Patrick Dallet - June 03, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ God rest this beautiful lady. Such a kind and loving soul, the epitome of a Southern Belle. We love all of her family - they reflect her grace and gentleness. She lived a full, bountiful life -- God is gracious. We mourn her passing, but rejoice that she has gone to be with Our Lord. To the Mays, the Goldens, the extended family, our heartfelt love and wishes.

The Webbs - June 03, 2020 at 03:40 AM

GB

“ With deepest sympathy to our cousins.

The Andrew Elton Williams family.

Gloria Baragona - June 02, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nell Golden May.



June 02, 2020 at 10:55 AM

GF

“ Genie and Greg Flowers purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nell Golden May.



Genie and Greg Flowers - June 02, 2020 at 08:38 AM

MS

“ To Ted and the rest of the May family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear mother. My condolences and prayers are with you all.

--M.R. Street

M.R. Street - June 02, 2020 at 07:05 AM

SR

I'm so sorry to learn of your Mother passing away. She was a sweetheart. I will keep the family in prayer. LoL Sue Eppes Reddick

Sue Eppes Reddick - June 02, 2020 at 09:54 AM

JM

A life well lived. Nell always had a smile. Ted prayers for you and your family. She will always be remembered fondly.

JOHN MENGE - June 04, 2020 at 03:05 AM