



Mary Ellen Burden

August 26, 1936 - January 23, 2022

Mary Ellen (Perkins, Thompson) Burden, age 85, passed into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, welcomed by a host of loving family and friends on January 23, 2022. Mary Ellen was the daughter of Marcus Perkins and Mabel Green-Perkins and a lifelong resident of Decatur, Arkansas. She graduated from Decatur High School as valedictorian in 1954 and attended secretary school in Colorado. Mary Ellen retired from Peterson Farms after fifty years of service. After retirement, she and her husband, Howard Burden, worked part-time at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri, where they retired after 10 years and continued the rest of their time at their family home in Decatur, Arkansas. She was a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church in Decatur for most of her life, serving in various roles such as church clerk and Sunday school teacher. Mary Ellen was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Lex Thompson, a special aunt, Eva James-Corey, brother Ross Perkins and sister-in-law Alma Perkins.

She is survived by husband of 52 years Howard Burden, two sons, Marc Burden and wife Terri of Decatur, Ark., and Jon Burden and wife Julie of Siloam Springs, Ark.; five grandchildren Jayme Burden, Haley Burden, Colten Burden, Casey Burden, and Caden Burden; niece Ronda Weeks and husband

Terry; niece Joni Thomas and husband Mike; and a host of extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, from 6 to 8PM at Wasson Funeral Home of Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Funeral Services will be held at First Baptist Church of Decatur, Arkansas on Friday, January 28, 2022, at 10AM. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Decatur Cemetery

Decatur Cemetery
Decatur, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Decatur First Baptist Church
213 E. Roller
Decatur, AR 72722

Tribute Wall

AR

“ Alan & Nancy Roller lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Burden



Alan & Nancy Roller - January 29, 2022 at 04:53 PM

KH

“ Mary Ellen and all the Perkins family have a very special place in my heart. We grew up as friends and neighbors and stayed friends always. We worked together at Peterson's and she was the best to support me when I started there. We have shared many times both good and not so good. Mary Ellen's face was one of the first I would see when I attended the alumni banquet and she ALWAYS had that sweet smile and brought joy to me. My Daddy, Mamma, Joel, Glen and I loved her very much. My sympathy to you as you go through this difficult loss. May you find peace and comfort in your special memories just as I will.

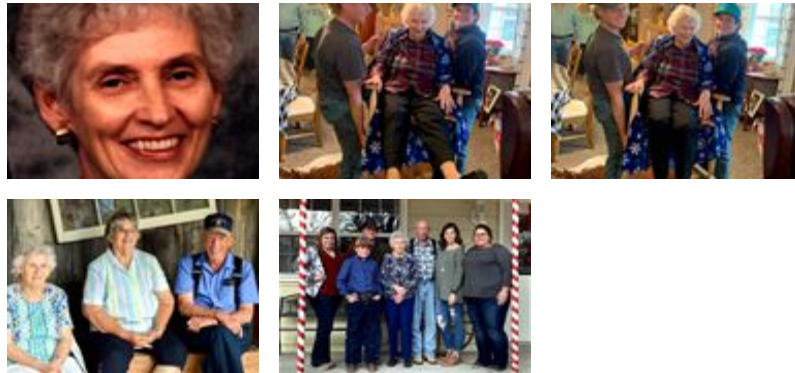
May God bless you.

Kay Truitt Hoggard

Kay Truitt Hoggard - January 27, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ 166 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wasson Funeral Home - January 27, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Burden.



January 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Burden.



January 26, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Burden.*



January 26, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *In 1956 (when she was 20), Mary Ellen married my Dad Verl Thompson's "baby brother," my Uncle Lex Thompson, and they were so happy together. Our family was devastated by Lex's death in a plane crash in northern Louisiana in December, 1967. (Through the intervening years, Mary Evelyn continued to attend many significant Thompson Family events.) I'm so pleased that Mary Ellen carried on with her life, found her second husband Howard, and enjoyed so many happy years as they built a family together. I remember her as an extraordinarily gracious, kind, and sweet person.*

Philip Alan Thompson - January 26, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *She was always a friendly, loving person. I knew her mother, Mabel, as well. She used to be a substitute teacher at Decatur. I have pleasant memories of all the family. Wonderful people. Sherry Samuels Wood*

Sherry Wood - January 25, 2022 at 11:35 PM

FL

“ We are so sorry for you loss. She was a special lady. Always had a smile and so pleasant to talk with. May God bring you peace and comfort at this time.

Frank and Donella Leeman

Frank w Leeman - January 25, 2022 at 04:55 PM

RE

“ So sorry for you and your family's loss Marc. Prayers for comfort in the days to come.

Renea Ellis - January 25, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty* was purchased for the family of *Mary Ellen Burden*.



January 25, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of *Mary Ellen Burden*.



January 25, 2022 at 01:08 PM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in this difficult time.
Prayers for the entire family.
Steve & Flora Forrest

Steve and Flora Forrest - January 25, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Burden.



January 24, 2022 at 10:03 PM

JV

“ Howard I'm so sorry to hear about Mary.
Sending prayers for you and your family.



Judy VanDyke - January 24, 2022 at 07:27 PM