



## Mrs. Claudia Banks Harris Gleaves

September 1, 1918 - September 20, 2013

Mrs. Claudia Banks Harris Gleaves, age 95, of Shelbyville, formerly of Hermitage, passed away Friday, September 20, 2013, after an extended illness.

Graveside services will be 2 PM Monday, September 23, 2013, at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Reverend Dr. Lloyd Doyle will officiate.

Visitation will be 2-5 PM Sunday at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

She was born September 1, 1918, in Bedford County, to the late Henry Dennis and Mary Lee Gaither Harris, Sr. Mrs. Gleaves was retired from the State of Tennessee Department of Employment Security. She held membership in the Stones River Woman's' Club, Shelbyville Woman's' Club, Donelson Business and Professional Woman's' Club for 26 years and United Methodist Women. She has been a member of Dodson Chapel United Methodist Church since 1947, making her their oldest living member.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Thomas Gleaves, four brothers, Henry Dennis Harris, Jr., Cecil Edwin Harris, Leonard Franklin Harris, and Earl Gaither Harris, and two sisters, Ruth Harris Adams and Sarah Bob Harris Faullin.

Survivors include two sisters, Alice Marie Harris and Janice Harris Carlton, and her husband James, and her caregiver and niece, Dobe Mallard, all of Shelbyville; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Hermitage Memorial Gardens

Old Hickory, TN,

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“ Named for her father's only brother Claude Harris and her paternal grandfather Banks Franklin Harris, Claudia Banks Harris was born September 01, 1918. "Claudie B." was the second of nine children born to Mary Lee Gaither Harris and Henry Dennis Harris, Sr.

She attended school through the tenth grade before beginning work at retail stores in Shelbyville, while helping out with her 7 younger siblings. Always stylish, she was spotted by a boarder in her Aunt Dutch Haggard's boarding house by a union carpenter who was working on the construction of the Shelbyville Central High School located on Elm St. She married that carpenter named Guy Thomas Gleaves in 1939 and the newlyweds moved to Nashville to live with his widowed father. She worked tirelessly in the strawberry patch and cooked for her husband and father-in-law. She later hired her beloved "Emma Mae" to help with the chores. Always available for driving friends to the doctor, being the shuttle to the airport, or hostess for those with family in the hospital, she was a champion to her family, friends, and neighbors.

Spied by the young politician Frank Clement, the striking lady accepted his invitation to work on his campaign. She later decided to join the work force and retired from the State of Tennessee, Department of Employment Security, Federal Claims division after 24 years of service to give full-time care to her husband who was battling Alzheimer\*s disease.

Claudia and Guy loved to fish and could be found on area lakes most any weekend in the spring and fall Crappie seasons of their 49 years of marriage. They regularly played card games and Claudia continued to enjoy playing until age 94. Her family, many friends, and co-workers enjoyed her love of cooking. She loved gardening, both vegetables and flowers, and most days had a fresh arrangement of flowers to enjoy and share.

In 1999, she moved back to Bedford County to live with her niece and namesake Claudia Grace "Dobee" Mallard.. She died peacefully at her home.

She was very proud of all members of her family and expressed that pride often. Her children were her younger siblings, nieces, nephews, and pets. Her dogs, Little One, fondly called \*Littleun\*, Snowball, Chip, and Mary Mack cats Lucy Lou, and Blondie were her devoted companions who received unconditional love and phenomenal care. Everyone who knew her usually had a Claudia story, and she had a usually equally humorous story to tell about him or her. She was a devoted daughter, sister, niece, wife, daughter-in- law, sister-in-law, aunt, neighbor, and friend to many people. She truly loved and appreciated the long and happy life that she considered a great gift.

A special thank to: Alferdo Basurto Vivar, Emilia Garcia-Diego, thier sons, Alex, Axel, and Alan for making her last years so special, Vanessa Hord, Sybil McCroskey, and Cheryl Jones for the professional care given to her diuring the final seven months of her journey. And lastly, the entire Compassus Hospice Organization.



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