



## Doris Jean Butler

July 12, 1937 - May 4, 2019

Doris Jean Butler of Knoxville passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, May 4, 2019. She was born July 12, 1937 in Shawanee, Tennessee.

Jean was a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University and a member of Zeta Tau Kappa Sorority. She was a vibrant member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church where she enjoyed spending time with her Sunday School friends. She loved her savior, her church and its mission. This love radiated towards all she came in contact with including the people she worked with as a Parole Officer with the Tennessee Department of Corrections before she retired. In addition to truly loving people well, she loved fashion, cooking, sewing, decorating and hosting friends and family at home. She loved her family so fiercely and the whole world knew how proud she was of them. She lived life to the fullest, always in high heels, dressed to the nines, and with that perfect shade of lipstick. We already miss her sass, spunk, smile, and charm, but we will ever cherish all of the memories she worked so hard to create.

Jean (Gran) is survived by her loving husband of fifteen years, John D. Butler (Daddy B), her sisters Jerlene Thompson Leach of Louisa, Kentucky and Donna Thompson Bondurant of Knoxville, two daughters Angie Claiborne Estes (Gary) of Tazewell, Judith Claiborne Pelot (Buddy) of Knoxville, six grandchildren and one great grandchild, along with Daddy B's three children Cindy Anthony (David) of Atlanta, Connie Reeves (Todd) of Knoxville, and Andy Butler (Dana) of Nashville, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, many special nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents Raymond Kenneth "R.K." Thompson and Cloeva Crockett Thompson of Harrogate, Tennessee and by Claude Andrew "Buddy" Claiborne, Jr. her first husband of 25 years and father of her two daughters.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life at Ebenezer United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 4 PM with a receiving of friends immediately following, graveside service on Thursday, May 9 at 11:00 AM at Scott Cemetery in Shawanee, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Knox County Mobile Meals.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Scott Cemetery**

Shawanee, TN,

**MAY 8 Celebration of Life Gathering 04:00PM**

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**8**

Ebenezer U.M.C.

1001 Ebenezer Rd,, Knoxville, TN, TN, US

**MAY 8 Receiving of Friends Following The Service**

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**MAY 9 Graveside Service 11:00AM**

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**9**

Scott Cemetery

Tower St., Harrogate, TN, US, 37752

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Rose Mortuary - May 08 at 09:57 AM

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“ John,  
We were so saddened when we heard the news this morning! While we take comfort in the fact that Jean is enjoying the light of God's face, her loss leaves an enormous hole in our neighborhood and lives. May memories of her sustain you through the difficult days ahead. You have our deepest sympathies for your loss!  
Bill and Jenni Craddick

Bill and Jenni Craddick - May 09 at 12:33 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - May 08 at 08:31 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Butler.



May 07 at 04:19 PM

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“ 274 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - May 07 at 03:03 PM

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“ To John, Angie, Judith and all the grands and now, great grand, I, my husband, Cary, my daughters Neva and Shae, and my Mother, Kathryn Simmons all are sending all the love that we have on the loss of Jean. I adored her and we have been friends for thirty years. Judith used to babysit for Neva when we lived in Knoxville. Jean and I have not seen each other since I moved to Texas, but she has and will continue to live in my heart forever, She will be greatly missed! Carlette Sandridge

Carlette Sandridge - May 07 at 09:24 AM



“ To Angie and family, I am so saddened to hear hear about the loss of your sweet mother. I am praying That God's peace will fill your hearts during this difficult time. I love you, Angie, and you all will be on my heart throughout the coming days.

Mary Barnard

Mary Barnard - May 07 at 09:53 AM



“ Well heck “Jeano”, this isn't supposed to happen like this is it? None of this was remotely on the minds of any of us who loved and cared for you. In my case we ,hadn't seen much of one another since our retirement. But I know we still cared for one another. We started parole the same week along with Angela, and Kevin. Wow! The years we had together! Trials and tribulations. The good, the great, and the wonderful giving staff. I look forward to a peaceful bright reunion with you down the road. And ,as I know you would want it ,In support of your wonderful loving family and friends.-Dan Davis

Dan Davis - May 07 at 03:31 PM