



Namuni Young

May 6, 1943 - November 8, 2020

Namuni Hale Young, born May 6, 1943 in Harriman, Tennessee went to Heaven peacefully November 8, 2020 at University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee. Preceded in death by her parents Billie Cox Hale and Durrell David Hale. She is survived by her husband Harvey F. Young Jr, daughter Whitney Young Cooper and husband Johnny and daughter Holly Amanda Young Williams and husband Ty, grandchildren Driskill and Franklin all of Knoxville. Also survived by her beloved dogs Bonnie Blue and Chloe. She was a member of Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church. Namuni was a 13th generation Southerner and 7th generation East Tennessean. She loved history and devoted herself to the art and artifacts of East Tennessee as an antique dealer and collector for many years. Namuni had Booth #27 at Bearden Antique Mall for many years where she greatly enjoyed the many people she met there and enjoyed traveling throughout East Tennessee to share her love of a sense of place. Namuni was also extremely proud of her Scotch Irish heritage and loved Scottish music. In 1993, she was the guest curator for the inaugural exhibit of the Museum of East Tennessee History and compiled a book for the exhibit, Art & Furniture of East Tennessee, Inaugural Exhibit of the Museum of East Tennessee History. She was a member of the First Families of Tennessee and the East Tennessee Historical Society. She was also a proud member of Knoxville Chapter #89, United Daughters of the Confederacy and her extensive knowledge of the War Between the States enabled her to give educational tours of Bleak House/Confederate Memorial Hall weekly for many years. Holding many Chapter offices, she served as President of Knoxville 89 from 2006 to 2010. She also held Tennessee Division offices acting as Recorder of Military Service Awards from 2004-2006, and was named Honorary President of the Tennessee Division at the 2013 Convention in Alcoa, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Young-Williams Animal Center(www.young-williams.org/donations/), Friends of Bleak House(www.bleakhouseudc89.org/), or East Tennessee Historical Society(www.easttnhistory.org/tribute-gift). A celebration of Namuni's life will be held on Friday at 2:00 PM at The Bleak House, 3148 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Arrangements by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. www.rosemortuary.com . Services may be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/RoseMannHeritage>

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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Bleak House - Confederate Memorial Hall

3148 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US, 37919

Comments



“ Ashley Gober lit a candle in memory of Namuni Young



Ashley Gober - November 16, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ She was a very sweet woman, I greatly enjoyed meeting her in 2001. I'm sorry to hear she has passed away. My sincerest condolences to the family.

Thank you,
Ashley Gober

Ashley Gober - November 16, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Namuni and I have been friends for many years. Although we were not really close friends, our friendship spanned decades and I was always happy to see her. What an interesting woman she was! She had a quick wit and you always knew where she stood on issues. We first met in a pre-natal class before Sarah and Holly were born and became reconnected later as Holly and Sarah became lifelong friends. We worked together in Bible School at Middlebrook Pike UMC and PTA at West Hill. She was a wonderful source of information about antiques. Once she appeared in my living room and told me to “Get that quilt out from under the Christmas tree.” I did. The book she wrote about antiques is available at Amazon for \$95. I think that would please her and make her laugh, She remembered that my husband’s father, the Reverend Sam Bratton, had baptized her in Harriman when she was a child. Prayers for her special family. She will be remembered and missed.

Martha Jean and Sam Bratton - November 13, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ Harvey and family,
I was sorry and sadden when I heard of the passing of Namuni. Namuni was a very fine Southern lady. I'll keep you and family in mind in prayer.
Gaylan Lane

Gaylan Lane - November 13, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Namuni Young.



November 11, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ In sympathy. Kathleen Kavanagh Benson

kathleen kavanagh benson - November 11, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ I will never forget the short time I was a member of UDOC, Chapter 89 In Knoxville before we moved home to Texas. Namuni was my kind, dear friend and mentor in all things related to the chapter and my beloved East Tennessee! I will miss her forever and wish I could be there. Love to you, Whitney and Harvey. God bless you and keep you!

Kathleen Jones - November 10, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss Harvey. I worked with your wife's mother in Harriman and of course you were one of my favorite people. Bless you and your family.
David Pole.

David Poole - November 10, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ I met Namuni at the antique mall in Knoxville many years ago. She had been very helpful throughout the years with TN pottery identification. Although I never saw her again, we did communicate from time to time. Her kindness and assistance was well appreciated. Through my friendship with Carole Wahler, I was able to keep up with Namuni's works.
She will be missed.

William Hopper

William W Hopper - November 10, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Namuni was someone that I always enjoyed seeing and talking with. She was such a bright and personable person who had an endless knowledge of history. It will be hard to visit the Bleak House without thinking of her.

Michael Byerley - November 09, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ It's hard to put into words how much Namuni means to me. When I first expressed interest in joining the UDC, she took me under her wing. I will never forget the many days I spent at Bleak House learning about the history of that beautiful home, the Seige of Knoxville, and all things War Between the States from her. What you saw with Namuni was what you got -- she was fiercely intelligent, unwaveringly loyal, stubborn as a mule and, if you were lucky enough to be adopted by her, you knew she was a person who always had your back. Thank you, Namuni, for loving me & my family so well. We love you.

Rebecca - November 09, 2020 at 01:17 PM