



Hazel D. Easterling

November 25, 1921 - July 13, 2014

Hazel Dolan Easterling passed away peacefully on July 13, 2014, at Comfort Care Nursing Home in Laurel, Mississippi. The eldest of Mike and Mary (Daley) Dolan, Hazel Ceclia was born in Paulding, Mississippi on November 25, 1921. “Nanny” entered heaven’s gate on Sunday afternoon leaving a lasting impact on generations to come.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Memory Chapel in Laurel. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 17 at Brown Cemetery in Ovet, Mississippi. Reverend Gary Walters will officiate the service.

Unique in her ways, Nanny was a true pillar of strength, a voice of confidence and her legacy will be passed down for generations. She had a natural talent for gardening, sewing, cooking, and crafting. She was known for having a quick wit and a master at cards and dominoes. She had an affection for all things outdoors, birds, flowers, and she would not short-cut anything. She was our original Martha Stewart.

Mrs. Easterling is survived by her children: Herman Easterling and his wife Janette, Linda Sellers and her husband Wayne, Gay Bush and her husband Philip, all of Laurel, and Clinton Easterling and his wife Patricia of Houston, Texas; and, a brother, Jerry E. Dolan and his wife Carol of Rigs, West Virginia. “Nanny” is also survived by 15 grandchildren: Dawn Easterling Barnett and her husband Bob of Laurel, Clint Easterling and his wife Wendy of Austin, Texas; Shayne Easterling Garrett and her husband Brad of Meridian, Michael

Easterling of Saltillo, Mississippi; Shelley Sellers Molleston and her husband Michael, Stephanie Sellers Reynolds and her husband Eric, all of Hattiesburg; Katie Bush McDonald and her husband Tim of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Jason Bush and his wife Lacey of Kansas City, Kansas; Amanda Easterling Robey and her husband Brian, Carrie Easterling Parker and her husband Josh, all of Dallas, Texas; James Michael Easterling, Blaine Easterling, and Caitlin Easterling, all of Houston; Laurie Ryals Walters and her husband Steve of Laurel, Lisa Ryals Masters and her husband James of Austin; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Easterling was preceded in death by her parents, Mike and Mary Dolan; her husband, Bracey Lee Easterling of Laurel; a son, George M. Easterling of Aberdeen, Mississippi; and, a grandson, John H. Easterling of Laurel.

Also preceding her in death were her five brothers: Mike Dolan, Mazon Dolan, Leo Dolan, James Earl Dolan, and Larry Dolan, as well as two infant sisters.

Pallbearers will be Jason Bush, Clint Easterling, James Michael Easterling, Michael Easterling, Bob Barnett, and Eric Reynolds.

The family gives the greatest gratitude to all that cared for Nanny at Comfort Care.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Thinking of you and your family and praying for God's comfort during this difficult time.

Debra Sims - July 17, 2014 at 08:40 AM

NM

“ My prayers are with you and your family.

Nell Gibson McElroy - July 16, 2014 at 12:30 AM

RB

“ God Bless the Easterling Family

Randy & Susan Blackmon - July 15, 2014 at 04:33 PM

BR

“ Clint, Our Moms were born on the same day one year apart and were both known as "Nanny". They both raised great families and lived long fulfilled lives. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of sadness and remembrance.

Bob Roberts - July 15, 2014 at 11:13 AM

RW

“ Nanny wil be missed by many. She had such a love for life and for her family. You never had to guess what Nanny had on her mind, cause she would sure tell you. I will always remember her beautiful plants and gardens. She could grow anything. Herman, Linda, Gay and Clinton...you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. I truly wish that I could be there with you during this time.

Renee Williamson - July 15, 2014 at 10:22 AM

KK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will always love and think of "Nanny" as my nanny also.

Kathryn "Casey" Kinser - July 15, 2014 at 08:16 AM

TR

“ Tom and I want to express our sympathy to all of you. Hazel was a very special person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Tommye Sumrall Rowell

Tommye Rowell - July 14, 2014 at 11:19 PM

KB

“ Dear Linda, Gay, Herman, Clinton and Family, I was so sorry to learn of the loss of your Mother. You have my deepest sympathy. Your Mom was a very unique and special person to me. I'll never forget her and all the good times we all had growing up beside each other. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Family. Love Always, Kay

Kay Bustin - July 14, 2014 at 10:44 PM

PC

“ Linda so sorry to hear about your mother.

Phyllis bee ching - July 14, 2014 at 10:40 PM

LD

“ So Sorry for your loss, Ms Hazel will be remember by so many with a smile and an appreciation for her kindness and understanding; a truly fine lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Leah Walters Dogget - July 14, 2014 at 10:32 PM

GB

“ With caring thoughts....
George & Gloria

George & Gloria Buchanan - July 14, 2014 at 10:14 PM

MR

“ Nanny was a sweet lady. I am sorry for your loss. Please know i am praying for your family and sending happy thoughts your way! Big hugs to you all! Love ya... Michele

Michele Reddoch-Shoemaker - July 14, 2014 at 10:04 PM

JM

“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to my cousins for the loss of their Mother and Nanny, and to my Daddy for the loss of his sister, Many nieces and nephews that loved her as well as myself. Sending my love to you all. I am sorry that I won't be able to travel there for the funeral, but I will be there in spirit and praying for all of you. Love Jerri Dean

Jerri Dean Dolan Moses - July 14, 2014 at 09:39 PM

MS

“ I love everyone of y'all and miss y'all

Mary Savoie - July 14, 2014 at 09:14 PM

SS

“ Thank you for Sharing sweet Nanny with us. She took us in and treated us as her own. We are here for you as you face saying goodbye as well as the following days. To all of you, we love you so much and couldn't have made it a month ago without your love and support as we said goodbye to Mom. It is our turn to return the love. Patsy, Kameye, Ralph. Shirley Ann, and Jarrod and Cassidi.

Shirley Ann Sellers - July 14, 2014 at 08:00 PM