



Imogene Bush

September 5, 1928 - December 23, 2020

Margaret Imogene Ellis Bush, known as Imogene by some but as Grandma by most, has finished her race which began on September 5th, 1928 and ended on December 23, 2020.

Even though she was 92, Imogene maintained such vibrancy that she never seemed to age. Her life was full of activity - camping and traveling with friends, working at the tax collector's office and selling Tupperware, square dancing and playing cards, attending First Baptist Church of Laurel, and tending to the flowers and birds in her yard. But her life was also full of purpose; taking care of her family and being surrounded by them was her greatest joy.

Imogene was an example of Christ for her family - patient & kind, not jealous or boastful, never proud or rude. She was not self-seeking, irritable or resentful. She found no delight in wrongdoing but celebrated honesty. She protected all, trusted all, hoped for the best for all, and always endured. Her love for her family manifested itself in her desire to serve and care for them, especially through her cooking, even down to her 16 (and one on the way) great-grandchildren. Her influence will undoubtedly continue through successive generations (and through those who were not blood-related but whom she made feel like family) because love never ends.

At the end of this life she was with her son, Doug Bush (Janice; Huntsville, AL) and daughter, Diane Cook (Dale; Ellisville, MS) and was visited in person and through FaceTime by her grandchildren: Jonathan Bush (Laura; Santa Ana, CA), David Bush (Mallory; Kansas City, MO), Ben Bush (Natalie; Columbus, OH), Sarah Grace Bush (Huntsville, AL), Bo Ford (Charlene; Hattiesburg, MS), Heather Whatley (Jamie; Myrick, MS), Ashley Hamm (Jason; Hebron, MS), Dallas Cook (Leslie; Westminster, CO), Daniel Cook (Cassie; Vail, CO), and Hayley Patterson (Tim; Ellisville, MS), as well as her good friends Peggy Stewart Hawkins and Virgil and Helen Welborn. When her new life began she was certainly received with great joy by her husband Fred Bush, her brothers Jennings Ellis and RJ Ellis, and her sister Caroline Floyd.

Because Imogene's most recognizable trait, her infectious laugh, cannot be fully expressed through written words, her family instead offers the recipe for her biscuits, which she lovingly served every time they gathered at her table:

Grandma's Biscuits:

2 cups self-rising flour

¼ cup Crisco

2/3 to ¾ cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 450° and then lightly oil baking sheet. Spoon flour into measuring cup and level off. In bowl, mix with Crisco; cut it in until it resembles coarse crumbs (I usually do this with my hands), then blend in milk with a spoon 'til the dough leaves the sides of the bowl – too much milk makes a sticky dough while too little will make the biscuits dry. Knead gently 2-3 times on floured surface. I usually roll each by hand but you can roll the dough out ½ inch thick and cut them with a biscuit cutter. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown.

A graveside service to celebrate her life will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Cook, Jay Ford, Brennan Whatley, Jackson Whatley, Brody Hamm, and Bree Patterson.

To sign the online guest book visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Mrs. Bush at Max and Ann Shelby's wedding back in the 60s. She was wearing a mink stole. I was probably 8 or 9 years old and that made a great impression on me. She was a class act, always a delight and oh so genuine. Although I'm no kin I now have Grandma's biscuit recipe. I know without a doubt that she and my Mom are enjoying a sweet reunion. Maybe even swapping biscuit recipes. Diane, Doug and family , look for comfort in Jesus and rejoice in His promises. Much love to you all.

Gerri Duckworth Richie - December 29, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Imogene Bush.



December 29, 2020 at 08:51 AM

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“ Bob, Debbie, Matt, Zack and Autumn Floyd purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Imogene Bush.



Bob, Debbie, Matt, Zack and Autumn Floyd - December 28, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ I loved Christmas parties at the Bush home as a child. She was such a gracious hostess. I hope she is square dancing in heaven with Mr. Bush once more. I know you will all miss her.
Debbie Duffy Buckhaults

James Buckhaults - December 28, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Imogene Bush.*



December 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Imogene Bush.*



December 28, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Imogene Bush.*



December 27, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Imogene Bush.*



December 27, 2020 at 02:38 PM