



## Martha Will Tomlinson Hughes

February 22, 1937 - July 17, 2015

Martha Will Tomlinson Hughes of Laurel, Mississippi, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2015. She was 78 years old.

A memorial service will be held at Memory Chapel at 4PM on Monday, July 20, 2015, with burial at Lake Park Hills Cemetery.

Visitation is at Memory Chapel on Sunday, July 19, 2015, from 5PM until 8PM, as well as the hour preceding the services on Monday.

The first part of Martha's life was spent in the state of Georgia growing up all around the Okefenokee Swamp. She was born in 1937 in Homerville, and spent her early years growing up in the little town of Argyle. Attending nearby Homerville High School, she took a shining to a skinny boy named Wesley, and the two high school sweethearts were married the year after they graduated. Rarely ever apart from each other, they were just a few months shy of their 60th wedding anniversary.

In 1966, the family left Georgia and was transferred to Crosby, Mississippi; and in 1973, moved to the other side of the state to Laurel.

Martha had gone to Ware County Jr. College in Waycross, Georgia, and had worked a few office jobs over the years, but her real love was raising her three boys and being a homemaker who absolutely loved cooking and gardening as well as being active in quilting and garden clubs in all her hometowns.

She had been a member of Argyle (Georgia) United Methodist Church, and she and Wesley were long-time members of Crosby (Mississippi) United Methodist and Franklin United Methodist Church in Laurel.

Everyone will mention first her great cooking, but she will be remembered most for her quiet and sweet kindness.

Friends will also say something about the hundreds and hundreds of angels that she'd collected over the decades - and now we know she was just rounding up a group of them that would be there ready to meet her.

She was preceded in death by her sons Will and Wade Hughes; parents William "Tommy" Tomlinson and Willistine "Jimmie" Tomlinson; father-in-law and mother-in-law Warren "Big Bill" Hughes and Anilu Hughes; maternal grandparents Willis and Addie James; paternal grandparents Enoch and Ada Tomlinson; brother-in-law Jack Allison; and sister-in-law Delma Hughes Raulston.

Martha is survived by her husband of 59 and a half years, Wesley Hughes; son Wess Hughes of San Francisco, California; sister Mary Tomlinson Williams and her husband Joe Williams of Tallahassee, Florida; sister-in-law Sara Hughes Allison of Columbia, South Carolina; and brother-in-law Jim Raulston of Buena Vista, Georgia.

Also surviving her are nieces, nephews and their spouses, children and grandchildren - Cindy and Russell Jackson and Patrick Botting of Willow Springs, North Carolina; Merica, Bobby, Greg, Brittany and Greg Coffman of Tampa, Florida; Shannon, Randy, Chandler and Madelyn Gay of Dublin, Georgia; Marlita and Bryce Peters of Tallahassee, Florida; Mylon, Brittany and Brantley Joseph Peters of Tallahassee, Florida and Shaun, Heather, Lyza, Ian and Aza Raulston of Buena Vista, Georgia.

Pallbearers for her services are Danny McLeod, Josh Norcross, Mike Ruffin, Barry Tyson, Gordon Ward and Dal Williamson. Honorary pallbearers are all the men and women of Franklin Forum Sunday School.

Rev. David Slaughter and Rev. Chris Klingenfus will lead her memorial service.

Her family is very appreciative of all the staff, nurses and doctors at Comfort Care for all of their extremely kind and attentive care over the last few months. The family asks that those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers to consider

a contribution in memory of Martha to either the Building Fund at Franklin United Methodist Church or to the Pinehurst Room Building Fund at the Laurel Little Theatre.

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Wes, I hope you are doing OK. I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Mother was such a sweet loving woman. Call me if I can help with anything. MARIAN.*

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**Marian Latimer** - August 01, 2015 at 12:50 AM

SB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss but hope that you both are comforted that she is in a better place. I know you will miss her like crazy. Praying for you.*

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**Stacy Blackwell** - July 22, 2015 at 10:43 AM

JO

“ *Wess, So sorry to hear about your mom, but I know you and your dad have had a long row over the last year. Wish we were closer to be able to come by to see you, but will catch you when you get back out to SF. Let us know if anything we can do - been keeping an eye on your plants and all a-ok. Let's get dinner once your're back, and send our sympathies to your your big extended southern family.  
John-John*

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**John** - July 21, 2015 at 07:38 PM

JB

“ *Aunt Martha will be truly missed. I really enjoyed the times we spent together at her house in Laurel. She was always ready to go at the drop of a hat. I just wish I could have spent more time with her over the years.*

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**Jonathan Barton** - July 21, 2015 at 07:06 PM

GP

“ Wesley, I am sorry for your loss.

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**George Parker** - July 21, 2015 at 05:51 PM

GW

“ Wesley, Wes, Mary and all the family of Mrs. Martha. Yesterdays service was an excellent tribute to Martha, very emotional, yet inspiring. I know she will be greatly missed, but we know that when one is absent from us they are present with their God. My thoughts are with you all during this very difficult time. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your extended family. With much love, Gordon

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**Gordon Ward** - July 21, 2015 at 12:00 PM

DA

“ West, Got a call from Calvin about your mom passing and wanted you to know Tim and I are thinking of you and your Dad. Your folks were always so nice to me the times I was down there and those memories will always be with me. Make sure to call me on your next NY trip. xxxDavid

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**David** - July 20, 2015 at 02:24 PM

LW

“ Mr. Hughes & Wess: My thoughts and prayers are especially with you and your family with the passing of Martha and your mother. She was such a lovely person--a loving smile, a welcomed heart, very supportive individual, awesome cook, You guys will greatly miss her! Bless you always, Linda

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**Linda G. Walton** - July 20, 2015 at 01:30 PM

HJ

“ *Martha will be missed by so many lives she touched. Remember her generosity when I was back in Laurel with my Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God will surround you with his love and comfort you.*

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**Hilda M Johnson** - July 19, 2015 at 11:30 AM

ST

“ *Wess we are so very sorry for your loss of sweet Martha. We won't be in town for the services but please know you & all of your family are in our prayers.*

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**Sally & Charles Twiddy** - July 18, 2015 at 10:19 PM