



Agnes Garrison

October 25, 1926 - October 31, 2013

Mary Agnes Stegall Garrison, 87, was born October 25, 1926 and passed from this life on October 31, 2013. Born to John Hasten and Pearl Wilson Stegall, she was the youngest of four children: Jeardeen, Ralph and Curtis. Her mother passed away when she was two, but the children were blessed with a second mother when their father married Tera Mae Newell a few years later. Two more sisters were added to the family when Betty Sue and Faye Marie were born.

As a child of the Depression, she learned lessons that influenced her entire life. Family was all-important and her father took care of their large extended family including grandmothers. Hard work was valued. She learned skills at the side of her mother, “Mama” Stegall, and her grandmothers that would become passions in her life—cooking, preserving food and needlework. Her green thumb and her love of gardening came from working with her father. If you were loved by Agnes, then you have received a gift from her hands whether it was a crocheted afghan, a jar of her famous pickles, a piece of her embroidery or an invitation to share a meal at her table.

She married her love, Elbert B. Garrison, on November 14, 1942. They were married for 69 years and raised two children, Dorothy and Donald. During their life together they worked side by side in their many businesses including farming, construction and raising cattle. Her husband called her his darling helpmate. She could wield a paint brush, help haul hay and finish the day by making a big meal. She had boundless energy and still loved walking every

day.

Agnes and Elbert loved to travel and made road trips throughout the United States and traveled to Europe to visit daughter Dorothy and son-in-law Jay when they were living there. Nephews and nieces were often invited on trips to the beach. They enjoyed camping and water sports and delighted in taking their Sunday school classes on these outings.

Agnes was a member of the Blue Springs Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir. Singing had been a part of her life since she was a child. Hers was a well-lived life full of love of God and family, a joy in life and laughter, with forgiveness and compassion to all.

She is survived by daughter, Dorothy Donahue and son-in-law, Jay; son, Donald and wife Frieda; granddaughter Amy; sisters-in-law, Nell Garrison and Verna Stegall; nephews and nieces that have become loved as her own children; and children of friends and family who have become her adopted grandchildren and have shared her life and been loved by her.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at Pinkard Funeral Home Chapel, Russellville, with burial in Blue Springs Cemetery. Officiating will be Bro. John McCullar. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until service time.

Pallbearers will be nephews, David Tidwell, Frankie Tidwell, Robby Garrison, Rocky Ball, Dillard Taylor and great-nephew, Robbie Tidwell.

Her daughter and son-in-law give thanks to the friends and family who have supported Mother through the years of taking care of an ailing husband and to the doctors, nurses and technicians of Huntsville Hospital, Athens Limestone Hospital and the Limestone Health and Rehabilitation Facility who treated her with tenderness and compassion during the last three months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Blue Springs Baptist Church Building Fund.

Cemetery Details

Blue Springs Cemetery

Hwy 75
Phill Campbell, AL

Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Agnes Garrison*



Pinkard Funeral Home - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Dorothy,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your precious Mom. I thought the world of your Mom, she was so sweet to me and my family. You and your family are in our prayers.*



Sonya Campbell

Sonya Campbell - November 04, 2013 at 06:01 PM

GB

“ Dear Dorothy,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Agnes was such a wonderful person.

I loved her and will miss her dearly. I have some flowers that she gave to me when my family and I visited with her. They have done well in my yard and I always think of her and her generosity when they bloom. She and your father were such dear friends to my family. I am so sorry that we could not be at the funeral. I hope that we can stay in touch and maybe have dinner together in the near future.

*Gail McKinney Black
205-907-6229*



Gail Black - November 04, 2013 at 02:40 PM

DC

“ Dottie,

I loved viewing the video and reading your Mom's obituary. She was a wonderful woman, and raised a wonderful daughter!! I am so sorry for your loss.

Debby Crowell

Debby Crowell - November 03, 2013 at 06:35 PM

JH

“ Dorothy please accept my condolences for the loss of your mother. She and Elbert were good friends and I thought lots of them both. May God help you through your grief. Will be praying.

Jack Harris - November 02, 2013 at 10:58 AM

ML

“ Dorothy, so sorry to read that your mother is gone. The tribute to her in the paper was beautiful, as was she. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Margaret Lovett



Margaret Lovett - November 02, 2013 at 07:43 AM