



Martha Lou Hutchens Holt

November 9, 1931 - February 15, 2024

Martha Holt, 92, of Russellville, Alabama, died peacefully on February 15, 2024.

There are many ways to describe Martha Lou Holt. Her community knows her as a devout Christian, loyal church member, theologian scholar, caring nurse, and passionate supporter of the Russellville Library.

Her family knows her as Martha Lou, Nanny, and Mother. She was a loving mother, devoted wife, dear sister, cherished cousin, revered aunt, and unparalleled Nanny.

Martha made a statement of belief, opinion, talent of service, and personality over her lifetime. She was a talented leader and fierce supporter of the Isbell Methodist Church and the Russellville Library.

Martha made a home in several states throughout her life - from Winthrop Harbor and Zion, Illinois to Memphis, Tennessee, all the way back to Russellville, Alabama. She loved to travel with her husband, Bill, across the country during retirement. She inspired her grandchildren's thirst for travel by taking them all over the country in their RV and showing them what exists outside of their hometowns.

Martha leaves a distinctive legacy - all of her four grandchildren have earned doctoral level educations. She instilled in her children and grandchildren a thirst for knowledge and a heart filled with love and acceptance for others. Nanny/Mother was a voracious reader and that trait was passed down to her daughter and grandchildren. There were known to be heated discussions by Nanny's bookcase on which grandchild was able to get the first pick of books to read.

Martha was an inspiration to the women in her family as she was able to overcome so much in her life and did so with a witty comment and her amazing laugh. Growing up in an era where women's education was not highly valued, Martha refused such contention as nonsense. She strongly encouraged her daughter to seek higher education and was undeniably proud of her grandchildren in their educational efforts.

Martha had a way of making each person in her life feel special, valued, and secure. She was an empathetic listener and gave the best hugs. Her family, friends, and community will miss her tremendously but the legacy she leaves behind is one full of love - which is exactly what she always valued above all.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Wayne Holt; her sister, Carrie Sue Fretwell; her brother-in-law, Gordon Lester Fretwell, Sr.; and her parents, Jessie Susanna Robinson Hutchens and William Riley Odell Hutchens.

She is survived by her daughter, Martha "Anita" Holt Hutchison and husband James B. Hutchison, Sr., and her son, Byron Lee Holt;

Grandchildren, LT. James "J.B." Hutchison, Jr. Esq. (Tara), Jenny Holt Teeter, Esq. (Jeremy), Jonathan Holt, MD (Linh), and Jordan A. Hutchison, DBA (Leslie);

Great Grandchildren, Charlotte Elise Teeter, Owen Burke Teeter, Roman Vincent Hutchison, James Alexander Hutchison, Buchanan Daniel Hutchison, and Sabina Naomi Hutchison.

Pall Bearers will be Jim Hutchison, J.B. Hutchison, Jordan Hutchison, Jonathan Holt, Jeremy Teeter, and Joey Fretwell. Honorary Pall Bearers are Joe Leech, J.D. Robinson, Charles Hipps, Jerry Holt, Randy Holt, and Dan Brown.

Visitation will be at Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville, Alabama from 11:30-1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 21, with the service to immediately follow at 1:00 P.M.

Interment will be at Franklin Memory Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

2710 Waterloo Road
Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
<http://www.pinkardfh.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Holt was one of the sweetest ladies I was fortunate to meet in this life. Praying for peace and comfort for her family. Doris Stephens Brown*



Doris Stephens Brown - February 23, 2024 at 02:14 PM

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“ *Martha was my first cousin, but so much more than that. Being the oldest child of the oldest brother to my being the youngest child of the youngest brother of the Hutchens family, Martha was at times a mother, a sister, a wonderful friend as well as my beloved cousin. She was the family member who was at the hospital when both of my children were born. She was by my side through most of the major events of my life, sharing my joys and supporting me through my sorrows. She visited mine and my husband Wayne's home often for extended stays and was a such a valued part of our lives. We enjoyed her so.*

She and Wayne enjoyed intense debates around our kitchen table about politics, religion or whatever struck their fancy. I would go outside and leave them to it, smiling as I heard their raised voices and laughter all the way outside.

There were only us five girls in my Uncle Odell's and my family. My sister Libby, who lived beside Wayne and me, always called our Martha the Matriarch of our Elephant herd. And she was certainly that, the eldest and wisest among us. I will miss her dreadfully and envy her also, for she is with her Bill and my Wayne now. Take my love with you, my sweet cousin, Lona Ann Hutchens Parker

Lona Parker - February 18, 2024 at 11:09 PM

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“ There are not enough words to describe my Marcie Lou. From childhood, she was my everything my entire life. She was my cousin but more than that, she was my best friend, my protector at times, my confidant, my advisor, my nurse. etc. Mere words cannot describe the love and caring we had for each other. It would take me writing a book to really describe what she has meant to me all these years. I fail in trying to do that, but she knew, we both knew. I loved you My Marcie Lou, always did, always will. You're home now, in God's hands, and with all your loved ones. Rest in peace and love.

Genelle Jackson - February 18, 2024 at 09:51 AM