



Mary Josephine Brown

March 22, 1927 - March 25, 2013

Mary Josephine Ray Brown of Birmingham passed away quietly on Monday evening, March 25th, while surrounded by her family. She was a few days into her 86th year.

To those who knew her, Mary Jo was an example. Throughout her life and final illness, Mary Jo responded to all things with a preternatural compassion and patience. Of the many things she was and is no longer, her manner of life remains her legacy.

Mary Jo was born on March 22nd, 1927 to Theodore and Effie Conway in Hackleburg, Alabama. She was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, and an adoring grandmother.

Mary Jo was predeceased by her parents, her siblings Theta and Kermit Conway, and her husband Conder Plumer "Pete" Ray (1961) and husband Dennis J. Brown (1972).

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Connie Ray and Richard Stockham of Birmingham; grandson Nathaniel "Nate" Stockham of Stanford, California; brother and sister-in-law Hudon and Nadine Conway and nephew Hudon Conway Jr. (Barbara), all of Houston, Texas; great-god-daughter Phillips Thomas of Tuscaloosa ; great-god-son, Richard Bass of Birmingham;

sisters-in-law Guynell Sanders (Gay) of Birmingham and Ann Vickery (Crockett) of Double Springs; and brothers-in-law Jimmy Ray (Jean) of Vernon, Max (Carole) Ray of Hackleburg and Wayne (Lela) Ray of Russellville; close cousin Margaret Gray of Birmingham; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins.

Mary Jo had the great fortune to be surrounded by wonderful people, especially in her last days. The family is especially appreciative to Tamika Reese, Joseph Gitau, and the many other generous nurses and aides at South Haven Health and Rehabilitation.

Arrangements are being handled by Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville. There will be a graveside service at Hackleburg's Cedar Tree Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28th. The Rev. Dr. Belon Friday will be performing the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Hackleburg Schools Relief Fund.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Graveside - Cedat Tree Cemetery
Hackleburg, AL