



Maudie Darby Bedford

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Born January 8, 1957 Maudie Darby Bedford was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on the 20th of March, 2022. She was predeceased by her father Elton H Darby and her sister, Vickie Darby Crenshaw. She is survived by her husband, Roger H. Bedford, Jr. and their son, Roger H. Bedford, III. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Darby; sisters Jane (Johnny) Dill and Lulu (Richard) Todd; brothers E. Hall (Stacy) Darby and E. Herbert (Linda) Darby, Jr. and Uncle James A. (Jim) Hall. She had many beloved nieces and nephews and one great nephew. A native of Florence, Alabama, Maudie graduated in the Class of 1975 from Bradshaw High School where she enjoyed being a Bruin Cheerleader. She attended the University of Alabama where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She and Roger made their home in Russellville and they were active members of First Baptist Church. Maudie was a strong supporter of her husband Roger through his health issues and political career. She worked tirelessly in support of his campaigns both state wide in 1996 as the Democratic Nominee for the US Senate and through his many years of service to the people of Alabama in the Alabama State Senate. Her staunch support for his work for the people of Alabama was inspiring. Maudie was general manager of WVNA AM/FM radio station for many years and was a strong supporter of small business development across our state. She was past president of the Alabama

Broadcasters Association and served as President and CEO of the Southern Development Council until her death. Under her direction, the SDC grew to become the only Alabama-based Small Business Administration Accredited Certified Development Company. Maudie served on various boards and foundations, including Children's Hospital of Alabama. Following her remission of breast cancer, Maudie worked to raise funds for breast cancer survivor research at the UAB Breast Cancer Survivorship Clinic. Always giving of herself to benefit others, she used her own cancer experience to help women "Walking Down the Road to Wellness." Maudie embodied hospitality. She opened her home for countless celebrations, and no one was a stranger. When friends were hurting, Maudie made her love tangible: she cooked for them and comforted them in many ways. She once described cooking as what she did best. Her homegrown produce often starred in her gourmet meals; in the summer, at least one of the 28 different kinds of tomatoes she grew found its way to a dinner plate on a daily basis, and pantries of friends and loved ones were enriched by the gifts of her homemade jams, jellies, and tomato ketchup. Maudie loved the hours she spent in her garden, playing tennis and bridge and caring for her constant companions, Labs: Max and Bruni and very beloved rescue dog, Bear. Maudie's greatest joy in this life was her son, Roge, and she was fiercely proud of the man he has become. Cheering on Roge and the Golden Tigers as a Tiger Mom, gave her so much joy. She was a passionate supporter of all Crimson Tide sports, even more so when her son started working under Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban. She was a second Mom to many of Roge's fraternity brothers, friends and colleagues.

The pallbearers are John Bedford, Johnny Dill, Richard Todd, John Dill, Gator Todd, Ike Rogers, Russell Thorn and Jimmy Todd. Honorary pallbearers are Bob Rogers, Lawson Bedford and Jim Hall.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Wolff; Dr. Martin Heslin; Dr. David Hinton and Dr. Phillip Bobo and their staffs for their care.

A special thanks to her angel here on earth, Christy Whitehead and her beloved brother in law John Bedford who was there for her tirelessly and was everyone's "rock".

Visitation will be Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the funeral following at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Russellville. She will be laid to rest at Tri-Cities Memorial Gardens in Florence following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer Research or JJ Cares (a fund to help animals) c/o North Alabama Animal Hospital.

Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville, Alabama assisted the family.

Cemetery Details

Tri Cities Memorial Gardens

2601 Florence Blvd.
Florence, AL 35630
(256) 764-7542

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Russellville
213 North Jackson Ave.
Russellville, AL 35653

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Tony BrakeField lit a candle in memory of Maudie Darby Bedford



Tony BrakeField - April 07, 2022 at 08:09 PM

LR

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Maudie's whole family. I knew her @ BHS & saw her kind ❤️ at work. I am praying for you all, that God will heal your broken hearts & provide needed hope for the future. Lila Duke Reeves, class of 1975

Lila Duke Reeves - April 05, 2022 at 02:48 PM

AC

“ Jenny and I send our sincere condolences to the family.

Adam Bourne, Chickasaw City Councilman - March 24, 2022 at 12:09 AM

CR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Connie Jackson Rice - March 23, 2022 at 10:45 AM

KM

“ I went to Bradshaw with Maude, you never saw her without a smile on her beautiful face. Want to send my Love and Prayers 🙏💖 to the Whole Family. Good has gained a Loving Angel.

Kellie Moore - March 22, 2022 at 09:57 PM

LK

“ On behalf of the Marion County Democratic Party, we send our prayers to the Bedford family. May God put his loving arms around you at this difficult time and give you the comfort and peace that you need. We are praying for you.
Lynda Kirkpatrick

Lynda Kirkpatrick - March 22, 2022 at 10:38 AM

MT

Maudie was a model human being that each and every person on earth could emulate to become a better whole human. She worked tirelessly for projects to benefit others, always with the 50,000 watt smile that was her trademark. I think about her often and the brief time she had on this earth but oh so many good things done in such a short time.

Our loss is Heaven's gain

Max Todd - July 05, 2023 at 05:07 PM

JP

“ Heavenly Father, please grant strength to this family that only You can provide, to endure the days and weeks ahead, until by Your Grace their pain is transformed from grief to wonderful memories that will last forever. Amen.

Judge Jimmy B Pool - March 22, 2022 at 08:39 AM

JM

“ Throughout my life, I witnessed Mrs. Maudie’s smile light up every room and every person she encountered. She was always kind, gracious, and encouraging to me and my family. She was beautiful through and through.

Jonathan McKinney - March 21, 2022 at 11:01 PM

CT

So sad to hear of Maudie’s passing ,prayers for Roger and her family ,she was a beautiful sweet lady 🙏❤️🌹

Carolyn Thorn - March 22, 2022 at 11:19 PM

LS

“ Roger and Maudie helping at our Can-a-thon, November 30, 2015. Such a precious lady who will be missed by so many of us. Prayers for Roger, Roge, and her entire family.



Lynn Suddith - March 21, 2022 at 10:57 PM

RD

Roger and littleRog my prayers are with you during this period of your grief, my heart is acheing also because i felt so close to the Bedford family because when ever i called on them for any project they were there, i feel like i am apart of the family.Rev. Charles A. Dale

Rev.Charles A. Dale - March 22, 2022 at 12:44 PM

DH

Our prayers are with you and your family. Maudie was a wonderful and caring individual I know she was the light of your life. As a fellow Russellville Tiger classmate- Class of 1974- our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dr. Kay Horton Hargett

Dr Kay Horton Hargett - March 23, 2022 at 09:57 AM

WU

Roger, I feel your pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Wilbur Underwood, Stone Mountain, GA

Wilbur Underwood - March 23, 2022 at 10:20 AM

SH

Heavenly Father, Please put your loving arms around this family. Amen! "Some say time heals all wounds, but what really heals our hearts is LOVE." With our Deepest Sympathy and Love.

Mrs. Carlton (C.D.) Hamilton and family.

Sheryl Hamilton - March 23, 2022 at 12:42 PM



My prayers are for comfort and peace for all of you. Maudie was a beautiful soul.

Kim

Kim Hood - March 24, 2022 at 05:36 PM

MH

Lulu, Jane, Mrs. Darby, Roger and son, and your entire family, may God grant you peace and loving fellowship to support you during this sad time of Maudie's passing. God bless you all during this difficult time.

Mike Hughes

Mike Hughes - April 19, 2022 at 02:58 PM