



Martha Ellen Pruitt Pleasants

May 19, 1948 - January 10, 2025

Martha Ellen (Pruitt) Pleasants went to be with the Lord on January 10, 2025. Martha was born on May 19, 1948, to William Eugene Pruitt and Lora Mae (McDonald) Pruitt in Moulton, Alabama, but called Florence, Alabama her home. She also lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan for a period of time, before moving to Collierville, Tennessee when she was in Jr. High.

It was at Collierville High School that she met her future husband Oliver Pleasants, who she began dating after he graduated from Collierville High in 1964. Martha graduated from Collierville High in 1966, and on June 18, 1966, Martha and Oliver wed at Somerville Church of Christ.

All she ever dreamt of being was a devoted wife and a mother. God answered her prayers, and Martha went on to bear three children, Lora Ellen (68), Jennifer Ann (71), and Brian Douglas (77).

Martha is survived by her three children; her sister Margaret Pruitt Ridings; stepsisters Ruth Lynn Gunter Hayes and Martha Beth Gunter Coleman; sisters-in-law Karen Benefiel, Janice (Godwin) Pleasants, Linda (Phillips) Pleasants, Bernice (Pleasants) Roberts; and five grandchildren Skylar, BreeAna, McKenzie, Elijah and Seth.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 40+years Oliver Douglas Pleasants; her parents; her stepmother Fanita (Reynolds) Gunter Pruitt Williams; and two brothers Michael Eugene Pruitt and William Ray Pruitt. There will be a memorial service held at Spry Funeral Home in Russellville, Alabama on Friday, January 24, from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., with visitation

beginning at 12:45. She will be buried in the cemetery at Mt. Zion Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama, next to her parents.

The children of Martha Pleasants would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Burns Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center in Russellville, Alabama, and Hospice of North Alabama for the personal and compassionate care provided to their mother.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To have us sign the book for you, please feel free to call or to give private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 24. 1:30 PM.

Spry Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ *Danny Parnell lit a candle in memory of Martha Ellen Pruitt Pleasants*



Danny Parnell - January 19, 2025 at 11:53 PM

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“ *My precious cousins I love you so much. Martha meant a lot to me now and even more so as a child. She was wonderful to be around. She was so much like my owe mother. She taught me to play my first musical instrument. That means everything to me. I only hate that in later years we lived so far apart. I guess that is what made the visits so great. I know you will missed here but are so welcomed and happy to be in heaven with all those gone before. I love you and we will see you again.*

Karen Arnold - January 19, 2025 at 03:51 AM

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“ Dear Pleasants family,
I'm sorry to read of your loved one's passing,
and may all find comfort in our Lord's word
during this time of sadness.

In John 11:23-26, “Jesus said to her, “Your
brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise
again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am
the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may
die, shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.
Do you believe this?”.

The above scripture is a wonderful promise from our Lord Jesus,
and those who have passed on are now in the care of our Lord God,
who has shown his love for us through his Beloved Son.

Rest in peace, dear sister; your reward is waiting.
God's continued blessings be upon you all.



John Lunsford - January 19, 2025 at 01:16 AM