



Mary "Chris" Christine Ozbirn

December 8, 1948 - April 24, 2024

Mary Christine "Chris" Ozbirn, 75, Tuscumbia, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. She was born in Clinton, South Carolina on December 08, 1948.

She was founder and served as Director of the Franklin County Archives in Russellville for 20 years and was the Franklin County Historian for more than 30 years. She had served as President of the Tennessee Valley Historical Society for 8 years and was a member of multiple historical societies. She was a board member for the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. She attended First Baptist Church Colbert Heights.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hilton Ozbirn; parents, Loyd and Mary Strickland Taylor; sister, Cathy Ann Wright; brother, Loyd Haskell Taylor. She is survived by her children, Thomas Johnson and Buffie Ozbirn of the home and "fur" grandbaby, Jody; and brother, James Adair, Hickory, NC., and a host of relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 11-1, at Spry Memorial Chapel, with a graveside service at 2 at the Old Town Cemetery on Washington Avenue in Russellville, open to everyone.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Smith, Grant Atkins, Scott Mugno, Jamie Reeves, Mark Swindle and Shannon Wilson. Honorary pallbearers will be TVHS Board members and Seekers of the Past members.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I will surely miss my dear friend so much. ♦ I met Chris in 2008 and started volunteering at the archives that year. ♦ We have been dear friends ever since. ♦

We always left each other saying ?I love you?. Her response would be ? love you more?, then I would tell her, ? no you don?t ?.

I Love you Chris!

Life will not be the same without her. ♦

Sharon Mugno - April 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Chris was a friend of everyone she met, always with a happy greeting. ♦ Her knowledge of all things Franklin County was invaluable to me while sought my family history, meeting helpful people and as a good friend. Jesus has a friend in his house today.

Jerry and Carole Ann DeFoor - April 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Chris or I liked to call her The Lady "Mary" was my genealogy friend and sister. I met Chris over 30 years ago and she was always available to me as well as hundreds of others seeking guidance on their family tree path. She always had "time" to donate. She was truly an inspirational person and I will miss her as well as our "chats" for all time. You will forever be in my heart dear Lady. Much love to Buffie and Tommy.

Anthony Southard - April 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Will love you forever, my friend!

Janette Stowe - April 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM