



Mrs. Martha Jane Mann

March 9, 1929 - November 6, 2014

Mrs. Martha Jane McCollum Mann age 85, of Memphis, Tennessee former longtime resident of Forrest City, Arkansas died in Memphis on Thursday, November 6, 2014.

Mrs. Mann was born March 9, 1929 in Memphis. She was the daughter of Fred McCollum Sr. and Varnelle Bonner McCollum. Mrs. Mann was a housewife and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Forrest City and member of the UMW. She attended the University of Mary Washington in Virginia and the University of Arkansas where she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Mrs. Mann was a devoted mother who took a great interest in cooking and gardening.

Mrs. Mann married John Westwood Mann Jr. in 1951. He preceded her in death in 1986. She is survived by two daughters Cile Mann Brooks and husband Philip P. Brooks III of Memphis and Martha Jane Mann of St. Paul Minnesota; a brother Bonner McCollum of Forrest City. Two grandchildren also survive her Eleanor Jane Brooks and Philip John Brooks. A son John Westwood Mann III preceded her in death in 1977. Also a brother Fred Newton McCollum and a sister Counts McCollum Felton preceded her in death.

Graveside will be held Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Forrest

Park Cemetery in Forrest City with a reception to follow at the First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 620 E. Broadway, Forrest City, AR 72335. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South
Forrest City, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
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Forrest City, AR 72335
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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

HT

“ I was sorry to learn of Martha Jane's passing. What a sweet/beautiful girl. We were classmates at Forrest City H.S. class of 1947.

Henry Thomas/Dallas

Henry Thomas - November 20, 2014 at 09:13 AM

CB

“ My mother was a true Southern Belle. She loved magnolias , gardenias and roses. Coke was by far her favorite drink-the old fashioned kind that burned on the way down your throat. Her sense of fashion was legendary and i have memories of wide brimmed hats, matching coats and spiked high heels. She always wore just the right thing and wrote just the right note for all occasions. Daddy absolutely idolized her and thought she was perfect in every way. Each time they moved he added more closets because she loved her stylish wardrobe. My mother had some sad times like we all do but she persevered. She is the epitome of a Steel Magnolia.

Cile Brooks - November 09, 2014 at 06:56 PM

FB

“ A most special and beautiful lady was Martha Jane Mann, my mother-in-law who treated me like the son she sadly lost in 1977. I have numerous fond memories of Nanna as my children have always called her. We thoroughly enjoyed taking the kids when they were younger to Nanna's for summer weekends where we'd swim in the pool, barbecue outdoors and eat ice cream. She loved her lap pool and it was oftentimes the center of activity for friends and family 7 days a week during comfortable weather. Nanna encouraged me to use her pool for exercise. I would frequently swim a mile daily whenever I was at her home. Nanna also would swim hour upon hour, and she loved it. The pool setting was as beautiful as its owner and we all had some wonderful times with Martha Jane always serving as the consummate, caring hostess. I will miss this dear loving lady. God is now blessed to have Martha Jane within his heavenly realm.

Flip Brooks - November 09, 2014 at 06:29 PM

SF

“ My earliest childhood memories include Martha Jane. She was always so warm and welcoming to me. I always loved being around her. What fond memories of a beautiful woman! My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Love to all.

Sue Gattinger Farris - November 09, 2014 at 06:21 PM

SM

“ Martha Jane Mann was along-time friend and patient whose family I have come to know and honor. Her interest in swimming and gardening were often subjects of conversation. I always looked forward to her return to our office. She is missed.
Sewell McKinney

Sewell McKinney - November 09, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ I remember always spending the holidays with Nanna (Martha Jane) every year, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and 4th of July to be exact. Her face would always light up the moment she'd see us coming. Thanksgiving she would make my favorite holiday dish which was a family cheese dish casserole. At Christmas we'd drive up to her house in the morning, open presents, then go to Aunt Tippy's annual Christmas party that evening. On the 4th Nanna would make her famous peppermint ice cream and then we'd all sit down to watch the Symphony and fireworks on tv. What I'll always remember about Nanna is how little it took to make her happy: A warm home, good company, and light conversation was always enough to make her smile. Nothing made her happier than simply sharing a meal or moment with family or close friends. She always had a smile for us. I'll always remember it.



Philip Brooks - November 08, 2014 at 11:10 PM