



Mary Frances Burleson

December 12, 1940 - December 23, 2021

Mary Frances (Smith) Burleson went to her heavenly home on December 23, 2021

after an extended illness. She died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family

and held in her husband's arms.

She is preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Rachel Smith and sisters

Nadine and Erma, and brother J.D. and Robert.

She is survived by husband Richard B. (Dick) Burleson, and son Richard Burleson

(Denice), daughter Mary Jo Bartlett(Barry), Grandson Richie, Twin Grandaughters

Michelle and Sydney, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Born December 12, 1940, she was a native of Rock Springs, Alabama, and a 1958

graduate of J.B. Pennington High School. As a winner of Blount County Beauty

Queen Titles, she was beautiful inside and out. In 1961, she married the love of

her life Richard B.(Dickie) Burleson, whom she became sweethearts with at the

age of 13.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved being the right-arm

support to her husband and sharing his life activities and adventures in engineering, SEC football and the military. Her relationships formed were endless

and everyone admired and loved her. Her spirit and memories will live on forever. Her genuine support and love to military families were recognized by everyone and resulted in being recognized and rewarded with numerous

Family

Support Awards presented to her by the US Army.

Mary was a skilled tennis player and competed in team tennis for many years at

the highest level, winning numerous championships. But her favorite time was spent with her family, especially with her grandchildren, who were her pride and

joy.

The family would like to thank Comfort Care, and all of the special health professions who helped us along the way, especially Anna, Brooke, Chaplain George, Christi, Julie, Kat, Keasha, Lindsey, Lisa, Shannon, Shelby and Sonia.

Mary will be missed by everyone who knew her. Her family is heartbroken, but is

comforted knowing she is in a better place.

A private family service and burial will be held. A Memorial ,in her honor, open to everyone will be announced soon.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *General--
So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.
Lee Hedrick*

Lee Hedrick - January 09, 2022 at 01:43 PM

JC

“ *Dick
I am sorry for your loss, you and your family will be in my prayers.
Johnny Crawford*

Johnny Crawford - January 07, 2022 at 02:27 PM

RM

“ *Dick,
My wife, Ginny, will always treasure the times she spent talking and laughing with Mary.
She was kind to a newbie when I came into the league and was on your crew my second year. Being on your crew was one of the highlights of my career and Mary sure made the wives welcome.
We both will always be great full for the warm and kindness shown to us by both of you.
We are so sorry for your loss,*

Richard Morales - January 07, 2022 at 02:01 PM

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