



Martha Lou Dorris Bray

January 14, 2011

Martha Lou Dorris Bray, 87, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 14, 2011, at Chateau Girardeau. She was born on April 26, 1923 in Illmo, Missouri to Dr. George Thomas and Anna Sander Dorris. She had one sister, Elizabeth Dorris Britton (Randall) who preceded her in death in May, 1998. Martha attended Illmo public schools and graduated from Illmo High School in 1940. She attended Southeast Missouri State University, graduating in 1944 with a B.S. in Education, majors in music and business education. While a student at Southeast, she was a member of the Acappella Choir under the direction of Dr. J. Clyde Brandt. She was a soprano soloist and participated in musicals including *The Chocolate Soldier*. She sang a solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth", at her baccalaureate. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau. She was a member and soloist in the church choir and taught Sunday School for several years. She was a member of the Shubert Chorale under the direction of Clara Drew Miller as well as the Cape Choraliers under the direction of Jack Palsgrove. She also taught 4th grade at Washington Elementary School. Other interests included her love of home and family as well as participating in golf and bowling. Survivors include her loving husband of 66 years, Alton Bray of Chateau Girardeau; children, Ellen Louise Busch of Florissant, Mo; Mary (John) Suzanne Newberry of Katy, Texas, and Dr. Jeffrey (Debbie) Owen Bray of Chesterfield, Mo; six grandchildren, Mark (Jennifer) Busch, Barbara (Jeremy) Newberry Smith, Brian (Nikki) Newberry, Kyle Bray, Haley Bray, and Jordan Bray as well as two

great grandchildren, Devin Busch and Jordan Ashen. Also surviving are many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Monday, January 17, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Funeral will be at 11:00 AM at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel with Rev. Mike Shupert officiating. Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum Memorial contributions: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church Cape Girardeau, Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Research, or charity of choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Lou Dorris Bray*

May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *DEAR MR, BRAY, ELLEN, MARY, JEFF, AND MARK, WAYNE AND I KNOW OF MARTHA BRAY AND THE REST OF HER FAMILY THROUGH ELLEN. I INCLUDED ONE GRANDCHILD, MARK, BECAUSE I HAVE KNOWN HIM SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD. WHAT A JOY TO READ THE OBITUARY AND LEARN WHAT A MULTI-TALENTED PERSON MRS, BRAY WAS! SHE HAS HAD MANY STRUGGLES IN RECENT YEARS, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT YOU HAVE PEACE IN KNOWING THAT SHE IS IN HEAVEN. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AS YOU MOURN HER PASSING. SINCERELY, VICKI AND WAYNE GURLEY I*

VICKI AND WAYNE GURLEY - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *God bless you Alton, I was out of town at the time of the funeral. We are praying for you and trust you will be able to weather this storm of life. Marshall Jung*

Marshall Jung - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Alton and all of Martha's family: Martha was a wonderful soul. We are saddened by your loss. Please accept condolences from the Louis Sanders family Louis, David, Susan and Sharon*

Sharon Sanders - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mary, Ellen, Jeff and Alton I wanted to express my condolences to all of you in the loss of Martha. I had to work today, the day of the funeral, but I wanted you to know that I am with you in spirit and will be praying for you. May God bless you and keep you till we all meet again.

Donna Davis Komorech - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Words seem so inadequate at this time.

George & Rita Counts - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I had no idea of all of Martha's achievements, but what I will always remember is visiting with y'all and how we would all be laughing before very much time went by. My love and prayers to Alton, and all of your family.

Jim Blakemore - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Ellen, I remember your mother so well. She was a lovely lady. I'm thinking of you and praying for you.

Audrey Reynolds - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Mr. Bray, Ellen, Mary, Jeff and family, You have all been so much in my thoughts and prayers. It was my privilege to know Mr. and Mrs. Bray as a result of my long time friendship with Ellen. May your memories bring you comfort during this tender time as you celebrate the life of Martha. With love, sympathy and prayers,
Sheryl Buss

Sheryl Buss - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *All our love and prayers.*

Wilbur R. Britton & Family - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *What a sweet lady, Martha Bray!! remember singing in the choir at First Baptist with her many years ago. She was as beautiful inside as out.. Always SO sweet to my grandmother, Flossie Bollinger.. Not sure if Mr. Bray will remember me, but wanted to send a note.. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Your mother/wife made many memories for a lot of people, including me! Thank you for sharing her.. Judy Bollinger Smith*

Judy Bollinger Smith - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *What a wonderful life Martha lived. Thank you for giving us details and reminders of some precious memories. God's daily blessings to all of you, especially the blessing of warm memories with Martha.*

Ken Moxey - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM