



Martha Biggs

November 14, 1925 - August 18, 2011

Biggs, Martha Helen Murphy died at her home on Thursday, August 18, 2011. She was born November 14, 1925, in Dothan, Alabama, to the late Ressie Lee Kirkland Murphy and the late Claude Franklin Murphy. She was married April 5, 1952, to the late Ernest Edgar Biggs (Col. USAF), of Kansas City, Missouri. In 1971, he retired at Maxwell Air Force Base, after 30 years of service. Colonel and Mrs. Biggs then purchased the 1893 home of Judge Joseph Bell and Mary Pratt Bell, descendants of Daniel Pratt. The couple spent much time, effort and loving care in the restoration of the acreage. In the 1980's they were rewarded when the Alabama Historic Commission placed the home on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage, and the United States Department of the Interior Placed the home on the National Register of Historic Places. Mrs. Biggs taught English and Humanities at Alabama State University nineteen years. She held a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona and a Master of Arts in English from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. She also did advanced study in English at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her only sister Ressie Lynnette Richbourg of Monticello, Florida; survivors include, her brother-in-law, John Richbourg, Jr.; one niece, Patricia Richburg Owens (Dr Miles);

three nephews, John Lawrence Richbourg (Debbie), Jeffery Bryan Richbourg (Andrea) and Claude Stewart Richbourg (Sherrie).

Mrs. Biggs was a member of the Prattville Church of Christ to whom she had bequeathed her home. A funeral service will be held from the Prattville Church of Christ on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 11:00 am with Minister Brent Missildine officiating.

Burial will follow in Prattville Memory Gardens. Pallbearers will be, Billy Adair, Lamar Grissett, Marvin Gentry, Harvey Clark, Miles Owens and Larry Richbourg. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Prattville Church of Christ, Baptist Hospice or Agape, Inc. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 am until 11:00 am.

Tribute Wall

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“ I also knew Col. and Mrs. Biggs 20+ years ago from Carriage Hills Church of Christ. Aside from being fellow Christians, my fondest memories are the great camaraderie they inspired in all of us that enjoyed our water ski team year-round.....they gave so unselfishly and were great mentors and examples to so many of us.....my sincerest sympathies to all of Mrs. Biggs' family.

Debbie Bates - December 06, 2012 at 05:52 PM

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“ Dear Family, I am so very sorry about the loss of year dear loved one. May the thought at Job 33:25 give you comfort in knowing that Ms. Biggs will return to the days of her youth and be able to enjoy life without the infirmities of old age. My sincere condolences to you.

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“ I knew Mrs. Biggs and the Col 25 years ago at Carriage Hills Church of Christ. They were always so sweet to invite all of the young people out to the lake to water ski.. She was a fabulous lady and although I haven't seen her in many years...she remains one of my favorite people in the world.

Cindy Smith - December 06, 2012 at 05:52 PM