



## Mrs. Kathleen Cleveland Rhodes

June 9, 1929 - November 30, 2016

Kathleen C. Rhodes left this life on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, after an extended illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Rhodes at the young age of 41, and is survived by children Lesley (Les) Wright and Rob (Elizabeth) Rhodes, eight grandchildren, Chris, Dustin, Nicki, Brandi, Hayley, Alyssa, Katie (Clay) Bateman and Jon Jon Schippers; one step-granddaughter, Nicole Wright; eleven great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Kaydence, Easton, Alexia, Corbin, Mady, Brynley, Jaden, Joseph, Makenzie, and Brooklyn.

Born on June 9, 1929, in Shelbyville, Kentucky, she was the only child of Charles and Pauline D. Cleveland—both accomplished musicians. Charles, a barber by profession was a noted cornet player in a brass band. He was once told by Louis Armstrong that he was the best cornet player he had ever heard. Pauline was a piano player so it was natural that Kathleen inherit great musical abilities. She attended William Woods University and received a Bachelor of Music from the University of Louisville, majoring in Piano. She was a member of Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. She loved a nice round of golf, a good dog, and sharing her love of music with others. Shortly after graduating, she learned that Shelbyville, Tennessee was seeking a piano teacher with her credentials. Her class quickly filled and the new community that embraced her would, over the next 50 years, produce hundreds of students young and old alike. She was a devoted member of First

Presbyterian Church where she served as choir director for many years. She was a member of the Middle Tennessee Choral Society, The Highland Rim Community Concert Association, and Middle Tennessee Music Teachers' Association.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Presbyterian Church Shelbyville, TN or the Tennessee Humane Association.

Funeral services will be 11 AM Friday, December 2, 2016, at First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville. The family will receive visitors at the church one hour prior to the service.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Willow Mount Cemetery**

321 Dover Street  
Shelbyville, TN 37160

# Tribute Wall

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“ It was my good fortune to know Kathleen. I was the organist for First Presbyterian and accompanied the Choir under Kathleen's gifted direction. Her musicianship was impressive, and it was so helpful for me to have 'followed her baton.' It is sad to know she has left this life, but a joy to remember the good music Kathleen, the Choir, and I made together.

Bob Scruggs - December 01, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen Cleveland Rhodes.



December 01, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen Cleveland Rhodes.



November 30, 2016 at 02:31 PM

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“ Rob & Liz,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I know its hard but your mom is in a better place and she won't be suffering.*

*The Renfroe's will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayer.*

*May The Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family this day and always.*

*Bryon, Charnita & Nick Renfroe*

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**Charnita Renfroe** - November 30, 2016 at 01:12 PM