



## Mrs. Mary Christine Stafford Craighead

March 9, 1923 - August 15, 2023

Mary Christine Stafford Craighead, 100, died on August 15, 2023 after a brief illness

at Carriage House Inn in Shelbyville, TN. She was born March 9, 1923 near Sugar

Creek in Jackson County, TN, as the first child of Edd Gore Stafford and Ara Francis

Moss Stafford. On December 22, 1939, she married Glynn Craighead, and they were

married for 52 years until his death in March, 1992. They lived near or in Gainesboro, TN, from their marriage until 1956 when they moved to Shelbyville, TN.

In 1991, they moved to Chapel Hill, NC, and in 1994 Christine moved back to Shelbyville where she has resided until her death. She was preceded in death by one

son, Ralph Glynn Craighead (b. Apr 28, 1945; d. June 17, 2016), and two brothers,

Ralph Eugene Stafford and Thurman Gore Stafford.

Christine is survived by one son: Wade Edward (Ed) Craighead (b. Nov 24, 1942)

who is married to Linda Wilcoxon Craighead. She is also survived by seven Grandchildren (Jason A. Craighead of Raleigh, NC; Benjamin H. Craighead of Salisbury, NC; Joshua A. Craighead and Justin A. Craighead of Panama City,

FL; Wade

W. Craighead, and Daniel E. Craighead of Atlanta, GA, and Margaret C. Shuster of

Louisville, KY) and seven great-grandchildren.

Christine and Glynn were members of the Southside Church of Christ, where she has

been an active member. She was a quiet model as an Elder's wife, and for years she

was a Sunday School teacher. More recently she has continued to demonstrate her

care for others in small but meaningful ways such as providing cards of "speedy

recovery" and sympathy for those who were ill or have lost a loved one. She has

lived by a deep and abiding faith, reflected in core religious beliefs and a life-guiding

principle of doing what you can to help others. She was an avid sports fan, listening

many nights to Shelbyville high school games and regularly watching her favorite

college athletic events on television until very near the end of her life. She was a

resilient and independent person coping well with the accidental drowning death of

her father when she was four-years-old and the very rapid health decline and death

of her beloved husband in 1992.

After working for many years in retail clothing stores, she spent the last 20 of her

working years as a seamstress making wedding and prom dresses for many women

in Bedford County, coats for Tennessee Walking Horse riders, window treatments

for many Shelbyville houses, and altering and repairing clothes for which many

Bedford County citizens will fondly remember her.

The family would like to express their gratitude to her many friends who have cared

for her, visited her, and taken her to many appointments during the past few years.

They would also like to express their gratitude to the residents, staff, and all her care

givers at Carriage House Inn, which has served as her home for the past eight years.

Her many friends and family will deeply miss her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made in her name to the Fellowship Hall Building Fund of the Southside Church of Christ, 108 Narrows Road,

Shelbyville, TN 37160, or to the Child and Adolescent Mood Program, Emory University, 12 Executive Park, Atlanta, GA 30329.

A memorial service will be conducted by Jeff Smith, former Minister of Southside Church of Christ, on Friday, August 18, at 11:00 a.m. The memorial service will be in the Feldhaus Memorial

Chapel, 2022 N. Main Street, Shelbyville, TN., where the family will receive friends

from 10:00-11:00 a.m. prior to the service. The burial will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the

Clark Memorial Cemetery in Jackson County, TN.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel  
2022 North Main St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(931) 684-8356  
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com  
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

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# Tribute Wall

BE

“ Christine was a beautiful and talented woman. Those of us who had the privilege of attending her children’s Sunday School class were shown immense kindness, love and patience. I miss this sweet lady.

Belinda - August 26, 2023 at 10:35 AM

CP

“ Your mom was such a joy, she always brighten my day!!!! I loved getting to see her!!! I will truly miss her and her sweet smile. My thoughts and prays are with your family!

Cayenne Pierce - August 18, 2023 at 09:11 AM

BH

“ I absolutely loved your Mom & Dad! Very fond memories.....my condolences during this season.



Becky Boyce Hughes - August 17, 2023 at 10:19 AM

PR

“ Peggy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Christine Stafford Craighead



Peggy Robinson - August 17, 2023 at 07:57 AM