



Bess Tolleson Mulherin

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L ife Legacy

TIFTON-Bess Tolleson Mulherin, 56, passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2015, after an extended illness. A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Perry Presbyterian Church. Reverend Jim Shipley will officiate. The family will visit with friends immediately following the service. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852. Bess was born in Perry to the late Joseph Meade "Buddy" and Marianne Nunn Tolleson. She grew up in Perry and studied piano under Gladys Pinkston of Macon who taught her the basis of a lifetime talent that Bess often enjoyed through the years. A 1977 graduate of The Westfield School, she attended Brenau College where she joined Alpha Delta Pi sorority and formed many meaningful and lasting friendships. Bess graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor Degree in Consumer Economics and had always remained a Bulldog fan. After college, she moved to Augusta for a brief period of time before settling in Fitzgerald to raise her family. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Fitzgerald. Bess always enjoyed decorating the home in which she raised 3 daughters, each of whom she was so proud. Some say she inherited a "green thumb" from her mother, as Bess enjoyed gardening and loved flowers. She spent lots of time with her family and friends at the beach, especially St. Simons Island, a place she dearly loved to be. The thing Bess cherished most in life was her family, who will dearly miss her. Left to cherish the memories of Bess are her daughters, Annie Sumner (Dereck) of Tifton, Maggie Mulherin of Athens, and Caroline Mulherin (Ware Bostick) of Tifton; her sisters, Terry Wood (Rusty) of Perry and Nan Moore of Atlanta; two nieces, Whitney Wood Bailey and Meade Moore Fields; and her beloved faithful companion, her dog, Harley. Friends are invited to leave condolences for the family in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



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CS

Cleo Shelton posted:

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May 25 at 8:00 PM

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May 25 at 8:00 PM

TH

Teresa Pierce Hobbs posted:

Dear Tolleson Family, I am so very sorry to learn of Bess' passing. I remember her pretty face and smile. I have many fond memories of my former life in Perry and working at Tolleson Lumber Company, where I made many great friends. May God Bless all of her family.

April 14 at 8:00 PM

PS

Peggy Sikes posted:

Terry and Nan, sadly just read of Bess's passing. I trust your memories are carrying you through trying times. Will never forget our Appalachian adventures (Terry) and "you good looking thing-don't you ever die!"-morning ritual (Nan) at Brenau -unreal 40 plus years ago! Take loving care,

February 26 at 8:00 PM



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BB

Becky Burnette posted:

Such a Sweet, Sweet girl she was. When we were at Brenau together, she was always a bright spot in any day! We lost some light on this earth today! I am so blessed to have spent my college years with her. I am so so sorry for this loss!

February 6 at 8:00 PM

LW

Lisa Berry- Ware posted:

Bess was an Alpha Delta Pi with me at Brenau. She was such a lively sweet girl. She was always so kind to me. I was certainly sorry to hear about her passing away. My deepest sympathy to her family! God bless!

February 5 at 8:00 PM

CZ

Cullen Zawada posted:

Bess was my sister in ADPI at Brenau. She was the sweetest girl. Never a cross word, always exuded kindness. And oh how we loved her "Perry" accent! Though we never saw each other after we both left Brenau to transfer to other schools, she always remained my "sista". A true kind soul. This makes me very, very sad. Nan, though you and I never attended Brenau together (your were ahead of me), I remember you coming to rush and supporting us always. I am so, so sorry for your loss. The world has lost a sweet soul, but heaven has gained a true Diamond! Much love! Cullen (Bailey) Zawada

February 5 at 8:00 PM

CM

Cathy (Logue) Middleton posted:

Nan,I was so sorry to read about your sister, Bess, passing away. I'll keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

January 17 at 8:00 PM

LD

Lamar Davis posted:

God Bless You and your Family Prayers each and everyone

January 5 at 8:00 PM



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Don Chapman posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

December 30 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dereck and Annie, Our thoughts and prayers have been with you throughout the week. Wayne RoeFirst Baptist, Tifton

December 30 at 8:00 PM



Diane Rider posted:

Terry and Nan, so sorry for the loss of your sister, prayers for you and family,

December 29 at 8:00 PM



John Gibson posted:

Sorry to hear this. Bess and I had much fun together. The trail 70 days and high school. Her laugh was one of a kind and the look she could give you. I will always hear that laugh and remember all the good times we had in the care free days of the 70's. She drove just like just rode that trail 70. You where one of my favorites.. Love ya John Gibson

December 29 at 8:00 PM



Cindy Duncan posted:

Caroline, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Be brave and strong because your Mother will always live in your heart. There will be hard days but lean on those you love to help you through. Aunt Cindy

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DH

David Hurley posted:

Deeply saddened to hear the news about Bess. Although I have not seen her in 15 years I still remember the first time I met her. She was about 12 years old blasting across the grass lot at Ochlhatchee Park on her trail bike...Hollywood white smile, no helmet, blond hair in the breeze. I thought I stumbled into a Honda commercial. My fondest memories are of her in high school with a joyous laugh that came so easy as we enjoyed humor in life. Godspeed Bess. Thanks for the memories.

December 29 at 8:00 PM

ML

Melanie And Randy Loggins posted:

We are deeply saddened by the passing of sweet Bess. We send our condolences and prayers to all of the family during this difficult time.

December 29 at 8:00 PM

TL

Terry Lawhorn posted:

I'm so sorry to hear Bess's passing my heart goes out to the family for thier lost

December 28 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Caroline, my thoughts are with you. May you find some peace in your memories of your mom. She had three beautiful girls. God bless and hugsContact Me

December 28 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of Bess,s passing. She and I were so close in high school and had so many great times together. She was always so much fun and a friend you could always count on. May God bless her and all of her family.Mike ScarbroughContact Me

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SP

Shaneka Paschal posted:

Annie, when you lose someone you Love, you gain an Angel you know, my your Heart and Soul find Peace and Comfort

December 28 at 8:00 PM

CN

Clarisel Calles, Neese posted:

I will miss Bess so much, I consider her as more than an employer, she was more than a friend she made me feel like family. My prayers are with her family in their time of grieving her passing. May God grant you peace and comfort today and in the difficult days to come.

December 28 at 8:00 PM

CM

Carol Mathias posted:

To the Family:My heart is heavy for each of you at the loss of Bess. You are in my prayers for comfort, healing, and peace during the difficult days ahead.Carol Chapman Mathias

December 28 at 8:00 PM

AB

Angie Brandenburg posted:

May the Light of His Presence soak into each of you as you focus on your strength and healing...

December 28 at 8:00 PM

RR

Roy Rankin posted:

Bess was a dear friend, and I will miss her very much. I assisted her in building two houses that she loved very much. she loved going to her "cabin" on Jack Bangston Rd. and sitting on the dock and watching the birds flying thru the cypress trees

December 28 at 8:00 PM

MJ

Melody Johnson posted:

Bess was a kind and sweet woman with rare qualities seldom found these days. I am praying for her daughters and son-in-law and her family through this hard time. Sincerely and love to each of you, Melody Johnson, Tifton Georgia

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AG

Angela (Chapman)Gillman posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Bess. She was a high school classmate of mine. It's sad that we didn't keep in touch. She would lighten a room with her smile, her laugh and her wonderful personality. She will be missed.

December 28 at 8:00 PM

CM

Cathy Muggridge posted:

Bess and I were best friends in college and were in each other's wedding. I extend my sympathy to her entire family but especially her beautiful girls. Annie, you are the spitting image of your mom. RIP sweet Bess!

December 28 at 8:00 PM

BS

Beth Sumner posted:

Annie, Maggie, and Caroline. I am so sorry and praying for peace and comfort for you. We want our mama here always. We want both our mama and daddy here on earth even though we have the reassurance of eternal life. Our family loves your family always. You are in our daily prayers and thoughts. God Bless you and your families. Roy, Beth, Danielle, and AnnaMarie

December 28 at 8:00 PM

BL

Betty Ann Lindsey posted:

Thinking of all of you. May you find peace through your faith. May your memories with your sweet Mom bring smiles and laughter to celebrate her life. Sending hugs and sympathy. Betty Ann Lindsey

December 28 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Family:I am sadden to here of the passing of Bess. I remember her infectious smile and big heart. She will be missed by many.Sincerely,Snyder Chapman

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Ken & Kim Keuper posted:

We are very sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God comfort you during this time.

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Anonymous posted:

Terry and Nan: So sorry to hear about Bess. I remember all of you at Mrs. Marianne's on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The memories of that time still are with me. Love to all of you. Vivian McLeod

December 28 at 8:00 PM



Kim Cato posted:

Annie, Maggie, & Caroline - I am so deeply sadden to hear about the loss of your mother. I have so many childhood memories with yall and Ms. Bess. Please know that yall will be in my thoughts and prayers not only during this difficult time, but also in the days to come. Stay strong! She is now a bright Angel looking down on yall!

December 28 at 8:00 PM



Elizabeth Messer Mitchum posted:

Prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time of loss. May God's presence sustain you.

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The Staff Of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

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Anonymous posted:

I am so saddened to hear of this. I am so sorry, we didn't keep in touch further. My prayers are with you girls!

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KB

Karen Bailey posted:

Sincere Sympathy to all of the family. Karen Bailey

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AB

April Blevins posted:

Annie, Maggie, and Caroline: I am so very sorry to hear this. Praying hard for you all. I remember talking with her as a teenager at your house and that she always had a smile, laughs to share, and wisdom to give! Prayers and love to y'all!

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AF

Andy Flowers posted:

Nan & Terry, So sorry to learn of your loss of your sister, Bess. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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DR

Debra Rodgers posted:

So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. We will keep your family in our prayers.

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DJ

Dan & Anna Jones posted:

We are sorry to learn that Bess has passed. May peace be with you during this difficult time.

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CC

Cathy Cunningham posted:

Nan and Terry ,So sorry to here about Bess. I recall her as the sweetest little sister. God bless her on her way.Cathy Cunningham

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LL

Leelee (Murphy) Lewis posted:

Nan, Terry, and families, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember Bess as the little sister who tagged along with us. She was such a sweet little girl. I know she will be missed by many.

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DC

Diane Cadenhead posted:

So sorry to hear of Bess passing. Prayers for the family!

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KF

Kim Batchelor Fryer posted:

Dear Nan, Terry, Maggie, Annie and Caroline, I am so sad in hearing about my good friend Bess. We go way back and have shared many fond memories together. The last time I spoke to Bess was before Caroline and Annie married. She was excited and happy for the girls and going to be very busy. We talked for hours on the phone and had so much fun laughing and reminiscing about the good times that we had back in the day. I loved Bess so much! She told me that she loved me too. We had a special bond and I will always remember her and always smile when I think of her. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Kim Batchelor Fryer

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KM

Kathy Mitcham posted:

Caroline and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Prayers for your family.

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LS

Laura Stafford posted:

Thinking of you all? I pray that the Holy Spirit fills you with peace during this time.

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JM

Janna McBride posted:

I am so sorry for the families loss. Bess was a wonderful friend who was a classmate of mine at Westfield and Brenau. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. We had some great times growing up.

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BP

Betsy Portman posted:

What a horrible thing to read! So very sad for the loss of mom, sister, aunt. So very very sorry:(. I remember her from way back. She was a very sweet person.

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KN

Keith Newberry posted:

I am so very sorry for the family's loss.. I was a classmate of Bess and she was always such a good friend.. She had such a wonderful laugh..

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DH

Debra Grimes-Hutchings posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Bess. May your memories of her bring you comfort in the days ahead.

December 27 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Nan and Terry, so very sorry to hear about Bess. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you and her family. May God Bless.

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SL

Sarah Lindstedt posted:

Sending light and love to all of you girls.

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KB

Kellie Bowen posted:

Nan and Terry. I am sorry for your loss. My prayers will be for comfort and peace during this most difficult time.

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SN

Susan Richardson Nichols posted:

My mother and I were just discussing Bess a few days ago, when she would ride dirt bikes with Mark and me in the empty lot between their house and ours.....she was always so sweet to us.....may faith and the good memories you have help you through this difficult time.

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DP

Debbie Mccown Pierce posted:

Nan and Terry,I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Bess. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bess by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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