



Mary Jean Russell

January 30, 1945 - August 20, 2025

Mary Jean King Russell, “Sweet Honnee”, 80, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2025, in a local healthcare facility. Mary, lovingly known as “Sweet Honnee,” was born on January 30, 1945, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the late Ananias and Nina Russell.

Mary graduated from Riverside High School, where she studied Cosmetology. She enjoyed a long career as a self-employed beautician and later worked in the Security/Dispatch department at Erlanger Hospital. One of her greatest passions was being part of the Ham Radio community, where she was known by her handle “Sweet Honnee.” Mary was also an avid crafter, with a particular love for crochet and various other crafts. She found joy in creating beautiful handmade items and sharing her creations with family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her brother, Jeffery Russell; and her sister, Dorothy Upshaw Jones.

She is survived by her beloved brothers, Ananias Russell, Bennett Russell, Joseph (Phyllis) Russell, and Willie (Sonya) Russell, all of Chattanooga; her sister, Patricia Wesley of Chattanooga; uncle, Walter Strong of Desoto, TX; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and close family friends.

Mary will be deeply missed for her kindness, her dedication to her family, and her warm, loving spirit. Her memory will forever be cherished by those whose lives she touched.

Mary will lie-in-state on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon in the Chapel with Dr. Darrell Wesley as the Eulogist. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **27**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

AUG **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

AUG **27**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Greenwood Cemetery
1954 Greenwood Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406-2658

Tribute Wall

DY

“ *Dorothy J Young lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Dorothy J Young - August 30, 2025 at 04:52 PM

DY

Mary, no more sickness and disappointments. Rest in peace. I'll always keep wonderful memories of you in conversations at your house. Those were fun times.

Dorothy J Young - August 30, 2025 at 04:57 PM

SM

“ *Sharron Sims McClarty lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Sharron Sims McClarty - August 27, 2025 at 07:07 PM

LR

“ *Lakeya Russell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Lakeya Russell - August 27, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MT

“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Marva Taylor - August 26, 2025 at 06:10 AM

EM

“ *We loved Mary she took us under her wing as young people Elaine and Denise and taught us to be Christians what it was like to follow christ and what the Bible said We studied and read it for ourselves never forget her so many memories that saw e all three shared our love and prayers for the family. Amen*

Elaine Mickler - August 25, 2025 at 07:58 PM

VM

“ *Valery McConnell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Valery McConnell - August 25, 2025 at 04:18 PM

BF

“ *Blackmon Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Blackmon Family - August 24, 2025 at 02:25 PM

LD

“ *Linda Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Linda Davis - August 24, 2025 at 02:24 PM

HH

“ *Hilda Harris Hardaway lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Hilda Harris Hardaway - August 24, 2025 at 12:29 AM

HH

“ *HILDA HARRIS HARDAWAY*

Hilda Harris Hardaway - August 24, 2025 at 12:28 AM

GW

“ *Gwendolyn Faye Westmoreland lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Gwendolyn Faye Westmoreland - August 23, 2025 at 11:34 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Beverly Sales - August 23, 2025 at 08:56 PM

DB

“ *Dirria Bell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Dirria Bell - August 23, 2025 at 07:46 PM

SS

“ *Sonya Stiggers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Sonya Stiggers - August 23, 2025 at 07:41 PM

AR

“ *Alma Russell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jean Russell*



Alma Russell - August 22, 2025 at 09:37 PM

AR

U will be miss rest in peace and no more pain

Alma Russell - August 22, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DH

Mary was a sweet sister...She kept you laughing...She truly loved her crafts... and her "CB" .Sending warm wishes to the Russell/Wesley/Watkins family.

Darlene Houston - August 26, 2025 at 08:45 AM