



Doris Ann Isom

April 18, 1934 - December 22, 2016

Doris Ann Isom, 82, of Columbia, TN, formerly of Olive Branch, passed away on December 22, 2016 at NHC Healthcare in Columbia, TN.

She was born on April 18, 1934 in Good Springs, TN to Willis Junior Legg and Ora May Bass Legg. At the time of her birth she had two older siblings, Thomas Fagan and Gene Austin. Four years later, Louie Junior, was born to complete the family of six.

Doris lived in Tennessee until she was twelve years old. At that time her mother married Mr. Glenn Bridges of Olive Branch, IL and she moved to Sandy Ridge where she started the seventh grade at Olive Branch grade school. She graduated high school from Thebes High School in 1952.

While living in Tennessee she worked hard as a young girl working on the farm doing the many chores that was required. Cotton was king in our area and she spent many hours under the hot sun picking cotton. School would terminate for two weeks during cotton picking time because it was an absolute necessity for children to get in the fields and help pick.

At age fourteen she started working as a waitress in the Twin Gables Cafe' and remained there until she graduated from High school. Later she worked as a telephone operator for Bell Telephone in Cairo, IL, then to Kevel as a key

punch operator during the construction of the plant there in 1950-51.

From 1954 - 1966 she worked in Federal Civil Service as a Key Punch Operator on four different Air Force Bases. The first at Scott AFB, IL from 1954 - 1957; Westover AFB, Massachusetts from 1957 - 1961; McCoy AFB, Florida from 1961 - 1964, and Kinchloe AFB, Michigan from 1964 - 1966.

In 1966 she left the employment rolls and became a housewife and mother for her husband and two children. During the next forty years she worked outside of the home only as a part time House of Directive Assessments (HODA) saleslady and seven years as a receptionist with H&R Block during tax preparation period.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Isom of Columbia, TN; son, Jerry Isom of St. Charles, MO; daughter, Lora Lemons of White Oak, GA; six grandchildren, James Nelson and Jared Isom, Zachary, Nicholas, Aleah and Jacob Lemons; brother, Gene (Marilyn) Legg of Columbia, TN; sister, Sandra (Donald) Riley of Summertown, TN; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Thomas Fagan and Louie Legg.

Visitation will be from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

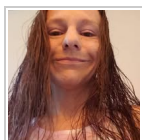
Funeral service for Doris Ann Isom will be at 11:00am, Thursday, December 29, 2016 at the funeral home with Pastor Stephen Clardy and Clarence Thompson officiating. Interment will follow at Olive Branch Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Ann Isom*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Uncle Gene oh how I love you & Aunt Doris. She will forever be remembered by me as one of the gentlest sweetest people Ive known and my heart breaks for you. But I know she is home now waiting on you and she knows everything she lost, and how loved and missed she will be.*

Sybil Nitsche - December 24, 2016 at 07:26 PM



“ *Doris was a beautiful, kind and compassionate cousin. I often think about the time she and you came from out of town to spend a week being with my father before he passed away. It meant so much to him and us. We were always glad when the Isoms came to our family reunions. I send my sincere sympathy to you Gene, and all the family.*
Love, Martha

Martha McCord - December 24, 2016 at 12:45 PM



“ *Dear Gene, we have enjoyed so many times with you and Doris. We are deeply saddened. When you come back to Gainesville for a visit please call us so we can have lunch together. Fondly, Nancy and Dick Garfield*

Nancy Garfield - December 24, 2016 at 10:44 AM

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“ Dear Gene, our most sincere sympathies to you and your family on the death of your beloved wife. We enjoyed it tremendously sharing with you and visiting Doris. Our loss that we were not able to get to know her, but we feel that through you we did. May she rest in peace, and may God give you the peace you need at this time.

*With affection,
John and Maggie (Caris-Hospice Volunteer)*

Please contact us when you're back in Columbia. Would love to see you.

John and Maggie(Salinaz)Kosinskijmski - December 24, 2016 at 09:21 AM