



Helen "Tence" (Widle) Agee

July 24, 1929 - September 14, 2019

Sylva, NC- Helen "Tence" Agee, 90, formerly of Johnson City, died Saturday, September 14, 2019, at Vero Health & Rehab of Sylva, following an extended illness.

Tence was a native of Philadelphia, TN and was a resident of Johnson City for most of her life. She was a daughter of the late John B. and Helen McCrary Windle.

Tence received her Bachelor Degree in Education from East Tennessee State College in 1951. She taught 1st grade at Steckee School, Philadelphia, from 1951-52, and Boones Creek Elementary from 1952-53, and kindergarten at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church from 1962-65, Dunbar Elementary from 1965-74, and Town Acres Elementary from 1974-76. In 1976 Tence was honored by being named an Outstanding Leader of Elementary and Secondary Education, and was a life member of the Tennessee Congress of the Parent Teachers Association.

She was a longtime member of Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was lovingly known as "the hat lady", volunteered as a greeter and with meals-on-wheels.

In addition to her parents, Tence was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Evans Agee, in 1999, her brother, Jay Windle, and her sister, Catherine Ann McQueen.

She is survived by her children, David Lyon Agee and wife Margaret, Daniel Island, SC, and Catherine Ann Agee, Smyrna, GA; her grandchildren, Evan Thomas Agee, Ashville, NC, and Leanne Catherine Agee, Raleigh, NC; nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be conducted Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 2:00 P.M., from the Chapel of Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, with Rev. Michael Lester, officiating. Special music will be provided by David, Margaret and Leanne Agee, and The Reverend Douglas Grove-DeJarnett.

Interment will follow in Monte Vista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:00-2:00 P.M. at the church.

In-lieu-of flowers, memorials may be made in Tence's name to Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 S. Roan St., Johnson City, TN 37601.

Please [click here](#) to view the video tribute

Comments



“ Cathy and David:

Audiences usually applaud after a musical or artistic performance as a sign of enjoyment and approval. Today, I applaud Tence and her life. She had an adventuresome soul, always filled with excitement and joy. What a beautiful life she lived and what a wonderful friend she was to me during her life! As you know, I first became acquainted with Bill and Tence and you both when I was in my early 20's, shortly after graduating from UT Knoxville. Through the years, you became like family to me. Thinking of Bill and Tence and our time together always brings a smile to my face and much warmth to my heart. I absolutely loved their joyful outlook on life and enjoyed much laughter and good times with them. Whenever I called Tence or she called me, she always ended our phone conversations with "Love ya." So, until I see her again, "Love ya, Tence"—now and always. Doug

Doug Lynn - September 20, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ I'm so saddened by Tence's passing. I got to know her, her mom, and Tence's husband at Asbery Center nursing home. I was her mom's nurse. Then Tence asked me to come to her home and assist her with her husband. Boy was he a character! I adored him and her!! I was cleaning one day and he got away from me and got in the fridge after a fresh shower and got into a jar of pickles! Lord did we have a mess on our hands to say the least. Helen and I just laughed cleaned him up and went on about our day. She was such a great woman. Heaven is one happy place today! God be with the family

Rhonda Sluder - September 20, 2019 at 01:12 PM