



Mrs Mary Wright Ferguson

November 28, 1915 - October 17, 2016

Mary Wright Montague Ferguson of Chattanooga, TN died peacefully Monday night at the age of 100.

She was born November 28, 1915 in Chattanooga and grew up on Union Avenue, now a part of the McCallie campus (where students enjoyed it as a haven for bridge and occasional smoking). She was a graduate of Bright School ('26), Girls Preparatory School ('31), attended Hollins College and graduated with a degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia.

She was the daughter of the late Margaret Reid Peale of Crossroads, Virginia and Robert Toombs Wright of Chattanooga.

She was predeceased in death by her husband Norton Thayer Montague, Jr. of Chattanooga and much later by her husband Robert Thrift Ferguson of Charlotte, N.C. She was also predeceased by her brother John Peale Wright of Lookout Mountain, grandson Dr. Charles Thayer Montague, MD, and grandson Joseph Awerkamp.

She is survived by twin sons Dr. Norton Thayer(Cynthia) Montague, III, MD of Shoal Creek, Alabama and Dr. Robert Toombs Wright (Betsy) Montague, MD of Elder Mountain and daughter Mary Caroline (Robert) Awerkamp of Maple Hill, Kansas'

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Junior League of Chattanooga, National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Chickamauga Chapter, The Daughters of the American Revolution and the

Lookout Mountain Garden Club.

She was active in the Red Cross Canteen during World War II, very active as a volunteer in Changed Lives, a volunteer at the Memorial Hospital Cancer Center and a volunteer at the First Presbyterian Church and often a participant in their foreign mission trips.

She was also survived by 12 grandchildren: Margaret Montague (John Pollock), Robert (Kiran) Montague, Jr., Mary Frances (Jason) Stone, Thayer (Carrie) Montague, Georgia (Hans) Baldau, Caroline Awerkamp, Virginia Madrid, Robert (Inger) Awerkamp, Louise Awerkamp, Marilyn (Aaron) Darakjy, Francis (Shannon) Awerkamp, and Mary Awerkamp, 48 greatgrandchildren and 4 great greatgrandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church Foreign Missions -554 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga 37402, Fellowship of Christian Athletes P.O.Box 338, Hixson, TN 37343 or the charity of your choice.

Very recently, while in declining health she asked for pen and paper and wrote "We will now help each other to serve God". This statement is fine example of her belief and how she lived her life. Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes - Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

WB

“ We learned today of Mary's passing from death to life. Mary was a great lady of great faith, and we enjoyed very much the times spent worshipping together at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, NC while she was married to Bob Ferguson (Jody's Uncle). We were amazed at the story of how they reconnected with assistance from the Lookout Mtn. operator when Bob first tried calling her after he lost his wife and long after Mary was a widow. It was a special treat to visit her in Chattanooga once she had moved back and to see the aquarium with her. We are sad to know she is no longer with us, but we share her hope in Jesus Christ and rejoice that she is with her Lord and at complete peace. May God grant you, her family, much grace to grieve well in her absence. - Ward and Jody Bursley, Simpsonville, SC

Ward Bursley - January 06, 2017 at 03:46 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire family. I feel that I know many of you as Mary shared her love (and stories) of her family with me during our time together in the Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital. Mary was a shining example of a true servant of the Lord. It was an honor to know her and I will remember her forever. Karen Sloan

Karen Sloan - October 20, 2016 at 08:37 AM

DJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to the children (and grandchildren) on the loss of your wonderful mother. She and our family (distant cousins through the Reid / Read connections) have been close friends for some generations. A tireless volunteer for the work of The Lord, she will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor, kindness and courtesy to all. Rest assured, she is now happy, healthy, and whole with The Lord she worshipped. May God bless all of you during this difficult time.

David Walley, Jr. for the Walley family

David Walley, Jr. - October 19, 2016 at 09:39 AM