



## Mary Elizabeth Mull Welch

September 10, 1940 - February 2, 2021

Mary Elizabeth Welch passed on to be with the Lord on February 2, 2021. Born in Benton, Tennessee on September 10, 1940, she entered this world as Mary Elizabeth Mull but came to define the names of Mom, Mamaw, Grandmother, Nana, and Mimi. Mary was preceded in death by her beloved mother Bonnie Mull Butler and is survived by her devoted husband Donald Welch. To Mary, family was everything. She lived her life in service of three generations: her children Randy (Melinda) Brock, Michelle (Ian) O'Shea, Julie Cloud, and Stephanie (Keith) Parker; grandchildren Carmin (Bob) Chastain, Brandi Ownby, Tyler (Sheree) and Brandon Quarles, Grayson and Genna Parker, and Morgan Cloud; and great grandchildren Parker and Avery Chastain and Damon, Aspen, and Jase Ownby.

Mary modeled what it means to love others above yourself. She was a bold and original spirit, determined to do what she knew was right and true. Her passion for service extended beyond her immediate family as she cared for the elderly loved ones of so many other families throughout her life. Mary was a trailblazer and a trendsetter, showing that women had no limits to what they could achieve and aspire to be. She was the matriarch, the cornerstone of a family to whom she gave every part of herself. Like her beloved Lady Vols, she left it all on the court.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made in Mary's honor to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home, but due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no visitation. A

private family service will be held in Mary's honor.

Though she may be gone from this earth, she forever lives on in the hearts of those she touched. She is here in the laughter of Christmas cheer. She is here in every warm, homemade biscuit. She is here in each tender embrace between a parent and their child. She is here in love.