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Mrs. Mary Evelyn Collins Hopwood of Smyrna, GA, died after a loving and fulfilling life with her faith and her family, on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

Visitation will be Monday, February 23, 4:00-7:00 PM, followed by the Rosary at Davis-Struempf Funeral Home. There will be a Mass of Resurrection for Mary on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 1:00 PM, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Smyrna. Rev. James Kuczynski, M.S. will be the celebrant.

Mary was born on October 19, 1922, in Lawrenceburg, TN to Roy Lee and Lillian Fay Collins. She married William Henry Hopwood, "Hop" in 1940. Following retirement, Mary and Hop moved to Florida for a few years, but eventually moved to Smyrna to be closer to her family, especially their grandchildren. Mary was predeceased by her husband, William, her brother James Wade Collins of Lawrenceburg and her sister Jennie Paisley Curtis of Tuscumbia, AL. Her elder and surviving brother, Roy Lee Collins, Jr. and his wife Cordelia live in Forsyth, GA.

Also surviving are her children and their spouses: Francis (Frank) and Sandra Hopwood of Vienna, VA, Marilyn and Al Weber of Mableton, GA, William, Jr. (Bill) and Karen Hopwood of Knoxville, TN, and Thomas (Tom) Hopwood of Smyrna, GA. Her nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren have fond memories of Grandma/ Great Grandma and will miss their visits with her. Several nephews and nieces in Tennessee and Alabama also have fond memories of Aunt "Feetie."

Mary was a long time member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Smyrna and an active volunteer in various ministries during her early years at St. Thomas. After her husband's death, Mary returned to work as a part time employee at the church. She also worked for the Cobb County Board of Elections, serving as a Poll Manager for a number of years.

Raised in a Southern Democratic family, Mary cherished this country's voting privilege, never missing the opportunity to cast her ballot in local, state and national elections. The past



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November she again exercised her voting right, casting an absentee ballot from her bed where she spent the last six months of her life. Another highlight of Mary's later years were her high school reunions which began in 1990 with the 50th anniversary of her graduation. Later she also attended the OK Elementary School reunions. She looked forward to these two reunions each year.




Mary's cremains will be interred beside her late husband, William at Mimosa Cemetery in Lawrenceburg, TN, at a later date.

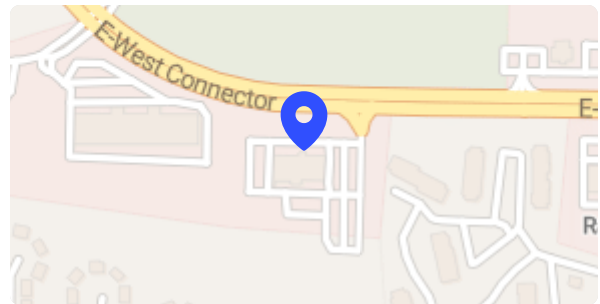


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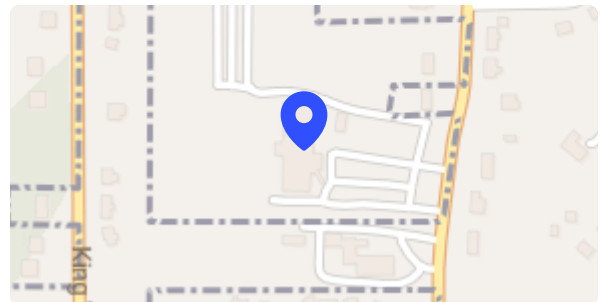
Visitation

-  **Monday**, February 23, 2009
-  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
-  **Davis-Struempf Funeral Home**
1975 East-West Connector, Austell GA 30106



Service

-  **Tuesday**, February 24, 2009
-  1:00 PM ET
-  **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**
4300 King Springs Rd., Smyrna GA 30082





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Anonymous posted:

Bill – It looks like your mother lived a very full and fulfilling life. Even so, it is hard to say that final good-bye a loved one.p.s. Love the motorcycle picture that must capture some of the essence of how she lived her life!##imported-begin##Brigham Thomas##imported-end##

February 25 at 11:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

Bill and Hopwood Family: Sincere sympathy. May the wonderful memories of a lifetime of love ease the pain of your loss. Sherry##imported-begin##Sherry##imported-end##

February 23 at 10:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bill and Family,We are very sorry for your loss. Father Dowling mentioned your mother yesterday at Mass. I prayed very strongly for her soul and asked God to bring comfort to you and your family.Ana, Arnaldo and Beatrice##imported-begin##Ana Raffo Caiado & Family##imported-end##

February 23 at 10:00 AM



Anonymous posted:

May God's grace bless your family - as the saints and angels welcome Mary Hopwood home.Volena LeTourneauFriend and co-worker of Bill Hopwood##imported-begin##Volena LeTourneau##imported-end##

February 23 at 9:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Rhonda##imported-end##

February 23 at 9:37 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Marilyn, We were sorry to hear of your mother's death. We hope that you feel that she lived a long and full life. Sincerely, Rick & Jan

February 22 at 12:45 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Hopwood Family, with heartfelt and sincere sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Angela Andrews, ORNL

February 20 at 1:28 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary Evelyn Collins by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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