



Grace Lee Broome

April 28, 1927 - November 4, 2017

Grace Lee Broome, age 90, joined her Lord and her family on Saturday November 4, 2017. Grace was born on April 28 1927 in Erwin TN to the late Roosevelt (R.V.) and Elizabeth Hopson. In addition to her parents, Grace was preceded in death by her Husband Horace A. Broome Jr., a son Horace A. "Bubba" Broome III and a granddaughter Whitney Shea Broome.

After graduation from Milligan College, Grace began her career in the 1950's as a licensed real estate agent working alongside her husband to form their own agency -Horace Broome Real Estate- which was the longest active real estate firm in Elizabethton. She broke new ground with this achievement since there were very few women in the field of real estate in the 1950s. But that didn't discourage Grace and in 1969 she was offered the position as relocation officer for the Elizabethton Housing Authority where between 1969 and 1973 she relocated 144 families and 18 businesses in Cat Island as part of an Urban Renewal Project. This experience only fueled her interest in pursuing other areas of real estate and in 1982 she switched careers once again and found her true calling as a licensed certified VA and FHA property appraiser working in the four county area of Carter, Johnson, Unicoi and Washington Counties. In 2007 she was recognized by the Tennessee Real Estate Commission for 40 plus years of dedicated service to the real estate industry. She would continue working as a licensed real estate appraiser until her retirement in 2013 at 86 years of age!

Grace was a member of various city clubs and committees throughout her life (Elizabethton Women's Club, Board of Realtors, and Chamber of Commerce). She worked diligently raising funds for the American Red Cross in the 1970's and because of her love for children she spent many years working with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library providing books to Carter County's preschool children in order to foster their love of reading. She devoted her time and talents serving both Immanuel Baptist Church in her earlier years and later on the First Presbyterian Church doing the things that she did best – teaching children, promoting fellowship and lending her creativity for fund raising and hospitality.

Family meant everything to Grace and being an OUTSTANDING cook she loved to entertain both family and friends at every opportunity but especially during the holidays.

Her home was always filled with family and friends at Christmas time and although she loved serving her church and her community the one role she cherished the most was that of a Mom and a Grandmother. She just naturally placed the needs of others before her own. Simply put, hers was a life well and generously lived and one that will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left who will cherish her memory include her son Rick Lee Broome and wife Teresa of Elizabethton, a daughter Tana Starr Johnson and husband Michael of Elizabethton, a granddaughter Mackenzie Danielle Broome of Johnson City and a very special cousin who was like a sister, Stella Francis of Jonesborough TN. Several cousins, nieces and nephews also survive.

The family would like to thank all of the friends, neighbors and caregivers who provided love care and support to Grace and to her family throughout the last few years. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. A few of those who provided continuous love and support to Grace and her family were Christine "Aunt Chris" Eller, Gail Boone, Mildred Chambers, Sue Farthing and Helen Ross.

A service to honor the life of Grace Lee Broome will be conducted at 2:30 P.M.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the Sunset Chapel of Hathaway-Percy Funeral and Cremation Services with Dr. Bill Kirkwood and The Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt officiating. Music will be under the direction of Debbie Gouge and David Arney. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:30 – 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday prior to the funeral service.

Interment will follow the funeral service on Wednesday in Happy Valley Memorial Park. Active pallbearers will be the WALNUT MOUNTAIN Girls (a.k.a. The Farm), Judy Carver, Catherine Culver, Martha Mauk, Jennifer Goddard, Sherry Hixson, Carolyn Julian, Kathy McKinney, Susan Turrentine, Millie Turrentine, Becky Vaught, Teresa Potter, Sherry Merryman, Paula Counts, Gayle Meredith, Susan Allen, Libby Allen, Sharon Guinn and Jane McKinney.

Donations to the Alzheimer Association, 207 N. Boone Street, Suite 1500, Johnson City, TN 37604 and/or the American Cancer Society, Attn: Stacy Hall, 871 Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37909 may be made in her honor in lieu of flowers.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 12:30PM - 02:30PM

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Hathaway Percy Funeral and Cremation Services
101 East F Street, Elizabethton, TN, US, 37643

NOV **Service** 02:30PM

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NOV **Graveside Service and Interment**

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Happy Valley Memorial Park
2708 Elizabethton Hwy., Johnson City, TN, US, 37601

Comments



“ Julia Jessee lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Julia Jessee - November 09, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ Claudia Ledford lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Claudia Ledford - November 09, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ Tana--So sorry to hear of your Mother passing away. Another VA employee told me at church tonight so of course I missed the service. Did want to let you know that you and your family have my deepest sympathy. I still remember "Miss Grace" bringing a fresh peach cobbler to the HR office at the VA with most of the employees trailing after to make sure they got first dibs. She was a lovely and gracious lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Patsy Fish - November 08, 2017 at 09:27 PM



“ Debbie Sammons Garner lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Debbie Sammons Garner - November 08, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ Jeff Guinn lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Jeff Guinn - November 08, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of serving Grace, Horace, Bubba, and Rick for the past 20 years in the Carter County Assessors office and the level of professionalism that Grace and family brought to the industry is a lesson that I will treasure for the rest of my life- Not only was she One of the Best in her field but Grace was such a kind and caring woman who Loved god, her country, family, the people of Carter County, her church, and the field that she So devoted so much of her life to. I enjoyed working with her in Imagination Library - she was so devoted to the cause of reading and the Children of Carter County- Her beauty and sense of style, and her love of life- Thank you Grace for setting the bar for women in your industry and for showing us how to do it with 'Grace' and style- Rest in Sweet Peace Dear Friend-

Sequa Shields - November 08, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ Rick, Teresa and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jerry and Linda Potter

Jerry Potter - November 08, 2017 at 07:33 AM



“ My condolences to you all in the loss of Grace. She was indeed an amazing lady & loved you all so much. Take care of one another during this hard time. Wish I could be there, but I am sick & not sure I should come. Love, Carolyn & Van.

Carolyn Caudill - November 08, 2017 at 07:16 AM



“ Loved your Mom dearly. So sorry for your loss

Mikki Powers - November 07, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ Mikki Powers lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Mikki Powers - November 07, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ Spent many Sunday nights playing at the Broome house as a child. Grace & Horace were such fun and great friends to my mom and dad. We are so sorry for your loss.

Mark & Helen Ross

Mark Ross - November 07, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ Jimmy And Janet Ensor lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Jimmy and Janet Ensor - November 07, 2017 at 06:00 PM



“ Grace was always full of energy and made everything seem fun. My thoughts and prayers to all. She will be missed but I know Uncle Horace, Bubba and Whitney were really glad to see her.



Terry Cole - November 07, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ Mike And Barbara Melton lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Mike and Barbara Melton - November 07, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ 59 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hathaway-Percy Funeral and Cremation Services - November 07, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ I had the pleasure of caring for Miss Gracie for the past 2 years. She was such a sweet and loving soul. We will miss her :)

Jeannie Montalbo - November 07, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ Tina Carter Collins lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Tina Carter Collins - November 07, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Grace was a wonderful person, saintly in many ways.

Rob Lytle

Rob Lytle - November 07, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ Tana & Rick & Teresa, Grace was a very special mother and very lucky to have been cared for by you (3). My prayers go out for you during this time as they have many times during the past 2 yrs., especially. I regret that I'll miss the service. I just had surgery. Love to you all, Sherry Jeffers Carmichel

Sherry Carmichel - November 07, 2017 at 11:34 PM



“ Tana and Rick I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She was certainly one spunky lady! The write-up is a beautiful tribute to her life. I knew she was special but I had no idea she did everything on that list! I am so sorry for your loss.

Pat Keller McNamara - November 07, 2017 at 12:17 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Rick and all who loved Grace. She was an exceptional lady and will be remembered well by all who knew her.

Darlene Guinn Young - November 07, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ Sherry Hixson Hazelwood lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Sherry Hixson Hazelwood - November 07, 2017 at 09:43 AM



“ Tonya And Jeff Jeffers lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Tonya and Jeff Jeffers - November 07, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ John And Carol Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



John and Carol Scruggs - November 07, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ Grace gave me a job in the real estate office during a difficult time in my life. I will never forget the kindness Grace and Horace showed me during my employment there. Grace was truly an inspiration in my life.

Mary Ann Williams - November 07, 2017 at 07:44 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Lee Broome.



November 06, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ Clyde And Nell Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Grace Lee Broome



Clyde and Nell Jenkins - November 06, 2017 at 09:04 PM



“ Grace Broome made everyone that entered her home feel like family! She helped raise many of us, teaching us how to cook and care for each other. She always had a kind word and big smile and truly loved us all. Heaven has a new wonderful Angel to continue watching over us. I send my love to all that have know and loved sweet Grace!

Curtsy Kenny - November 06, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Lee Broome.



November 06, 2017 at 03:25 PM