



Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks

May 27, 1952 - April 24, 2022

Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks, 69, of Rainsville, Alabama, passed away April 24, 2022. An extraordinary and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Elizabeth

was a passionate elementary school teacher for 35 years. She taught school primarily in Williamson County, Tennessee, but also in Alabama and Louisiana.

Elizabeth influenced over 800 students in her long career and mentored many beginning teachers and principals. She was named "Teacher of the Year" in 2002 at

Crockett Elementary in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Elizabeth is a 1970 graduate of Winfield High School where she served as the president of the Senior Honor Society and was voted Best All-Around. She earned

her elementary education degree from Livingston University and her masters degree from the University of Alabama. Elizabeth, and her husband, Louis, were

married in 1973 and have celebrated 48 wonderful years of sweet life together. Her

commitment to her husband is best exemplified by driving a straight-shift orange

VW to teach wonderful special education children in the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans in order to put Louis through seminary. Elizabeth was a member

of Broadway Baptist Church, Rainsville. Previously, she and her family were members at Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, Tennessee, where she taught children's Sunday School for 30 years and worked with youth for many years. Elizabeth demonstrated a remarkable faith in Christ, served as a steadfast prayer warrior, and enjoyed working in the church. Elizabeth's legacy was to instill this motto in her family: "Be a Blessing." As the family historian, Elizabeth loved to research genealogy and keep records of family milestones. For all of her life, Elizabeth devoted her energies to her family and in recent years especially to her five "grands" whom she adored.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her father, Garry Campbell, and by her sister, Lydia Alexander and father-in-law, Louis B. Hanks. Surviving are her husband,

Louis; son Jonathan (Jamie); son Andrew (Courtney), and five grands: Novie, Campbell, Eliza, Levi, and Abigail; mother, Jane Campbell; brother, Stott Campbell (Janet), sisters Phoebe Pate (Mitchell) and Sarah Smith (Jerry); mother-in-law, Margaret Hanks, brothers-in-law, Chuck Alexander, Tom Hanks and several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at Broadway Baptist Church, Rainsville; Gayle Haywood, retired minister, Brentwood Baptist Church, officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00-2:00 at the church followed by the funeral at 2:00. Burial will be at the Mountain View Memory Gardens.

Rainsville Funeral Home is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Backpacks of Blessings to assist children

at Broadway Baptist Church, at PO Box 766, Rainsville, AL, 35986,

(<https://www.broadwayonline.org/>). Or send donations to the UAH Foundation, Early Learning Center, Student Services Building, 319, Huntsville, AL 35899, (<https://www.uah.edu/early-learning-center/donations>).

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memory Gardens

970 Mountain View Drive
Fort Payne, AL 35968

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Broadway Baptist Church
Rainsville, AL 35986

Service

APR 28. 2:00 PM (cst)

Broadway Baptist Church
Rainsville, AL 35986

Tribute Wall



“ *Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks*

August 29, 2022 at 05:15 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I never met her but we spoke on the phone before our sons roomed together at college. She assured me everything would be okay and told me the things he would need.* 🙏❤️



Betina and Doug Sanders - April 28, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Neil And Shirley Goggans Family lit a candle in memory of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks*



Neil and Shirley Goggans Family - April 28, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *MARTHA CAMPBELL lit a candle in memory of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks*



MARTHA CAMPBELL - April 28, 2022 at 11:42 AM

MC

Elizabeth a sweet childhood friend as we would play at family gathering, sad about her passing 💕💕

MARTHA CAMPBELL - April 28, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks.*



April 27, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks.*



April 27, 2022 at 08:52 AM

DF

“ *Please be aware of our prayers and our thoughts during this time. If we may help you in any way, please don't hesitate to call. Delbert Freeman
Chaplain Cullman Regional*

Delbert Freeman - April 26, 2022 at 10:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks.*



April 26, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks.*



April 26, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Dear Elizabeth, a fellow teacher and avid storyteller will be sorely missed. Prayers for Elizabeth and her family. So sorry for her loss.*
Fran Abbagnaro

Fran Abbagnaro - April 26, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *We got to know Elizabeth through our years at Brentwood Baptist in the '80's. What a wit and smile! Elizabeth was so loving and caring for people. It was a joy for us to get to know Elizabeth during those years. She had such a love for the Lord that was infectious. Praying for the family as you grieve Elizabeth's loss here on earth.*

Laura Moench - April 26, 2022 at 02:44 AM

JH

“ I taught alongside Elizabeth at Crockett Elementary. As a young teacher and mom at the time, she was an incredible mentor and friend both personally and professionally. I am so saddened to hear of her loss. What an incredible legacy she leaves behind! Prayers for peace are being sent up on your behalf.

Jennifer Holt - April 25, 2022 at 09:34 PM

MV

“ Elizabeth taught me in Sunday School many years ago when I was a child at Brentwood Baptist. Years later, my husband and I bought the house next door to the Hanks in Foxboro. She and Louis were great neighbors and loved our young children. I'm saddened to hear of her death, but I know she is at peace with Jesus. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family❤️

Maria Vaughn - April 25, 2022 at 07:34 PM

GP

“ Elizabeth exemplified the grace, diligence, and virtues of a Proverbs 31 woman. Her legacy in the kingdom of God will continue until Jesus returns. My thoughts and prayers are with Louis and her family.

Gerry Peak - April 25, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks.



April 25, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Villa Elizabeth Campbell Hanks.* ”



April 25, 2022 at 03:07 PM