

LILY MAY (GIBSON) HAWKS OBT.

b. 16 June 1921, Putnam Co., TN – d. 2 November 2010, Cookeville, TN, md January 1964 to **Robert Guy Hawks**, b. 13 October 1907 – d. 3 August 1978. Lily May Hawks, d/o **Julius Leander “Lee” Gibson & Della Dyer**. Robert Guy Hawks & Lily May (Gibson) Hawks are both buried in the Double Springs Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral Services for **Lily May Hawks**, age 89 of Cookeville, will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, from the Chapel of Dyer Funeral Home.



The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 4, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hawks died Tuesday Nov. 2, 2010 in NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born June 16, 1921, in Putnam County to the late Lee Gibson and Della Dyer Gibson.

Lilly May Hawks was known on the Grand Ole Opry for many years as "Little Miss Martha White." She began her music career at WHUB in Cookeville and was discovered by Little Jimmy Dickens. She had her own radio show on WJR in Michigan for several years and is a member of the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame.

Lily May was an active member of the Church of Christ. She was a member of the Willow Avenue Church of Christ and was instrumental in helping establish two churches in the Detroit Area. The greatest loves of her life were her family and God.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and David Carter of Cookeville; three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Katherine and Emily Carter, all of Cookeville; two special nieces, Pat Dyer Grimes of Cookeville and Sonia Pippin Gresham of Rochester, Mich.; three nephews, Gary Birdwell of Troy, Mich., David Birdwell of Tybee Island, Ga., and Milton Gibson of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a niece, Louise Gibson Graham of Sparta.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her **husband Robert Hawks**; three sisters, Leona Gibson, Milbra Dyer and Anna Myrtle Birdwell Maybrey; and two brothers, John and Houston Gibson.

Brothers John Whitson and Mike Webb will officiate the services.

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*See History – WHUB Radio at:

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