

Ovella (Newberry) Loftis Obt.

b. 4 October 1938, Jackson Co., TN – d. 9 August 2014, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, md on the 3rd of September 1958, Putnam Co., TN to **Robert Howard Loftis**, b. 15 November 1938, Putnam Co., TN, s/o **Lester Francis Loftis** (1909-1983) & **Louvada Mae “Vada” Moore** (1910-1996), both buried in Smyrna Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 399 – Robert Howard Loftis married 3 September 1958, Putnam Co., TN, age 19, b. 15 November 1938, address: Rt. 1, Cookeville, TN to Ovella Newberry, age 19, b. 4 October 1938, address: Rt. 1, Cookeville, TN. Name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female; Frank Newberry, Rt. 1, Cookeville, TN).

NASHVILLE/COOKEVILLE — Funeral services for Mrs. Ovella Newberry Loftis, 75, of Nashville, formerly of Cookeville, will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from the chapel of Hermitage Funeral Home in Old Hickory, with Tom Boyette officiating.



Graveside services and interment will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Smyrna Cemetery in Cookeville.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today, Monday, Aug. 11, and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at Hermitage Funeral Home.

Mrs. Loftis passed from this life on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, at Alive Hospice in Nashville.

She was born Oct. 4, 1938, in Jackson County to the late Frank H. and Irene Moore Newberry.

Mrs. Loftis was a member of Pennington Bend Church of Christ and loved children and taught them for many years.

Ovella retired from Metro-Davidson County Schools Food Services.

Ovella was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Robert H. Loftis (whom she married Sept. 3, 1958, in Cookeville); a daughter and son-in-law, Teressa and Marc Loftis of Knoxville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Kathye Loftis of Hermitage and Jeff and Sharon Loftis of Henderson; eight grandchildren, Stephanie (Adam) Hopkins, Anthony Upchurch, Mike (Amy) Loftis, Jamie Loftis, Kerri Loftis, Krissy Loftis, Jessie Loftis and Emily Loftis; two great-grandchildren, Cade and Kayleigh; a sister, Ella (Harold) Loftis of Cookeville; and brother Frank and sister-in-law, Cheryl Newberry of Friendsville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Mark B. Loftis.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home in Cookeville is in charge of local arrangements (931) 526-6111.

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*See more Obts. for the Loftis family at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>