



Ethel Grace Christopher Tipton

October 22, 1915 - June 12, 2010

Heading: Ethel Grace Tipton

Dateline: Greer

Ethel Grace Christopher Tipton, 94, widow of Thomas Lee "Jack" Tipton, died Saturday, June 12, 2010.

A native of Spartanburg County, she was a daughter of the late Marvin Eugene and Essie Dill Christopher, a retired employee of JP Stevens, Victor Plant and a member of Victor Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters and son-in-law, Sylvia Tipton of Greer and Denise T. and Ben Gillikin of Greer; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Judy Tipton of Greer; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by one grandchild, Tara T. Foltz.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Ken Vickery. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jim Cox, Jerry Smith, Gary Vaughn, Bruce Taylor, Bruce Howell and Ken Mullins.

Visitation will be held 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. Monday at the mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

Memorial may be made to Victor Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1157, Greer, SC 29652.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Grace,

You hold a special place in my heart. Your time here is done. Enjoy the eternity that you have face to face with Christ. Sylvia, Denise, & Allison - I am so sorry for your loss. I love you all and am praying for you and your families.##imported-begin##Traci (Ewell) Lancaster##imported-end##

June 18, 2010 at 09:08 AM



“ We want you to know that our hearts go out to you in the loss of your dear mother, Sylvia. We know you will miss her much. We are glad God gave her such a long life.##imported-begin##Peggy and Bob Nestor##imported-end##

June 16, 2010 at 09:34 AM



“ Denise & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you during this time. Cathy Garner##imported-begin##Cathy B Garner##imported-end##

June 15, 2010 at 08:05 PM



“ Mr. Tipton, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept my condolences. Sandra Dickert, SC Funeral Board staff.##imported-begin##Sandra Dickert##imported-end##

June 15, 2010 at 07:59 AM



“ *Sylvia,
Please accept my condolences on the transition of your mother,
Ethel. My Dad just passed away in April, so I have some idea of
how hard it must be for you at this time.
Please know that my prayers are with you and your family, and I
wish you comfort and peace in this time of sadness.*

*Blessings,
Shareina
32 River Birch Way##imported-begin##Shareina Fisher##imported-
end##*

June 14, 2010 at 09:53 PM



“ *Sylvia and Denise,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. I*

*Love,
Justin, Melonee, Savannah, & Tyler Willis##imported-
begin##Melonee Willis##imported-end##*

June 14, 2010 at 12:51 PM



“ *Sylvia,
Jack and I are so sorry for your loss. Grace was someone I loved
and will miss.*

*Much love to you and all the family,
Carey and Jack##imported-begin##Carey Fitzpatrick##imported-
end##*

June 14, 2010 at 09:16 AM



“ *It never occurred to me that when my grandmother died, that I wouldn't be there with her, that I wouldn't have a chance to say good-bye and that I wouldn't sit in a service with my family as we listened to an organ playing Amazing Grace. But now I sit in South Africa, unable to get home in time to be in this room with all of you as you remember and honor Grace Tipton, who was truly amazing.*

Because I grew up under the same roof with my grandmother, I knew her in a way that not all grandchildren have the luxury of knowing a grandparent—I really got to know and experience her personality, for better and for worse, everyday of my life.

I know that you all have your own memories and experiences with Grace, but if you will be so kind to indulge me, I'd like to share a few things that I will remember, and maybe surprise you with some things that you did not know:

Grace was ambidextrous—if she wrote on paper she used her left hand, but if she wrote on a chalkboard she used her right.

She was a great mimic, and amazed me with the way she could make her voice sound like other people. There were certain ones that I would ask her to do over and over again. (I won't name names in case some of you are here today.)

Denise was her favorite child. We know this because she would call all of us Denise before she said the name of whom she was actually talking too. Example: Denise, I mean Sylvia. Denise, I mean Tony. Denise, I mean Allison. Etc.

She defaced library books.

She devised a system of taking a pen, and putting a dot on the inside of the cover of library books so that she could tell if she had read the book before. The Greer library must be full of books with dots by now.

She had an incredible memory. She made the best fruitcake cookies in the world. And if she taught me one thing in life, it would be the irrefutable power of prayer. To have Grace Tipton pray for you was an awesome and humbling experience.

On February 17, 2008 our family had the heartbreaking experience of sitting together at the Funeral of Tony and Judy's daughter Tara, Grace's youngest grandchild. Tara's church was in Charlotte, and after the service I drove back to Charleston alone. As I approached the city, the song Beulah Land came on the radio, and though my tears flowed, I knew that it was God's way of letting me know that Tara was finally in a place of joy and peace.

When my mother told me that Billy would sing Beulah Land for Grace, I thought that nothing could be more perfect. I know that Ma-Ma and Tara, and all of her family and friends that have gone before her, will be listening together.##imported-begin##Allison Tipton Milner##imported-end##

June 14, 2010 at 03:09 AM



“ Sylvia I am so sorry to hear of your mom. My prayer is the Lord will be near you, filling you with his presence: sustaining you with his peace wrapping his arms around you and comforting you.

Love in Christ##imported-begin##Azalee Jones##imported-end##

June 13, 2010 at 09:28 PM



“ *Sylvia, Tony and family:
I was sorry to learn of the passing of your dear mother. You were blessed to have had her for all these years, and though you will miss her, just think of where she is! It's so good to know that we have the hope of seeing those we love again, isn't it? My thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time. Frances C. Southerland##imported-begin##Frances Carpenter Southerland##imported-end##*

June 12, 2010 at 11:38 PM



“ *Sylvia, Tony, and Denise, I was so saddened tpo see that your Mother had passed away. Gail and I will have ya'll in our thoughts and prayers. It was so good to see ya'll at the hospital since it had been a long time since we had seen each other. May GOD BLESS. Our thoughtys and prayers.
Doug and Gail Wilsonm Mauldin, SC.##imported-begin##Doug Wilson##imported-end##*

June 12, 2010 at 05:25 PM



“ *Sylvia, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family! May God be with each of you!##imported-begin##KITT CURETON-BROWN##imported-end##*

June 12, 2010 at 05:25 PM