



Mary Jeanette Dewell

June 10, 1929 - January 16, 2018

Mary Jeanette (Hill) Dewell, 88, of Cary, NC, passed away on Tuesday January 16, 2018. The daughter of Virgil Lee Hill and Katherine Castleman Hill, Jeanette was born in McEwen, TN, on June 10, 1929. Jeanette was preceded in death by her older brother Robert (Bobby) who died at the age of 5 from diphtheria, by her sister Dorothy Christine (Hill) Sharp, and by her brother William Areatha Hill. Jeanette is survived by her brothers Donald Edward Hill and Larry Wayne Hill, and by her three children: Donna Dewell Burnett with her husband Dave, Paul Robert Dewell with his wife Terri, and Keith Michael Dewell with his wife Rachel. Jeanette is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Jeanette's life was characterized by service to others. She often said, "If you are happy, I am happy." She dropped out of school to take care of her sister and brothers. She moved with her family from Kentucky to Indiana in the 1940's. Throughout her life she worked a variety of jobs to help support her family. In 1958 she married Melvin Eugene Dewell with whom she had three children. She did all she could to make her house a beautiful home; with an enduring interest in interior decorating, she also reupholstered furniture. After her children were grown, she moved to North Carolina in the 1980's to be closer to her children and help in the care of her grandchildren. Jeanette was intelligent and always loved learning. She enjoyed pursuing various interests including literature, psychology, and religion.

A memorial service will be held 7:30pm Friday, January the 26th, at Sovereign Grace Church, 401 Upchurch St., Apex, NC. A reception will follow the service.

Cemetery Details

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN **26**. 7:30 PM (ET)

Sovereign Grace Church
401 Upchurch St
Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall

CB

“ from Chris Burnett to the Burnett family I remember when granny lived in the high rise we used to go to the movies a lot seems like at least 25 times we even went a few times when she lived around the corner from Willow Cort ,O yea she never wanted to take the belt line so she tough me how to get places which helped years later at Baker roofing I will miss her, but thats a few memories I will always remember.

Chris Burnett - January 26, 2018 at 09:39 AM

“ I love how Granny was always with us. Even when I grew older and busier, I knew she was thinking about me and there could never be enough visits. When she moved to NC, I was very little, but I know she moved once or more until she was living within a safe short walk to our door. She walked to my house often to help my Mom out with my brothers and I. One day I decided to walk to her house, it didn't cross my mind to tell my Mom first. Five minutes later I was visiting Granny - she looked a little surprised. She suggested that, in the future, I call first so she can watch for me.

My earliest clear memory of Granny was the time she took just me out in her spacious blue car; (I was used to riding around crammed in a compact car - not meant for a family of 6), she was taking time to bring me shopping for my first pair of ballet slippers. From that day on she was, (besides my Mom), the biggest fan ever.

Granny cared for our health and safety - almost to a fault. One morning, I was standing up on the back of my couch pronouncing that she should watch my new trick, but I messed up my landing and got a bloody mouth. I don't remember how bad it was, but I do remember Granny warning me just before I launched into the air. She was always giving us fair warning - of all the possible dangerous outcomes. It seems she watched us almost every day performing our many tricks for her, and we never listened. This is why her hair became white so quickly.

Because I was homeschooled, I think the active presence of Granny meant so much more. I knew she would be at my ballet performance, that she would extravagantly praise my new drawing, that she would make me another grilled cheese, that she would help me learn to tie my shoes, that she would show me how to wrap a present, or read another book, or anything I asked - unless it was dangerous.

Granny was also a loving encourager, She always said to me, "You are so wonderful and beautiful! You know that. Right " Not one visit

with my Granny ever ended without those words, 'You are so wonderful and beautiful, you know that right'.

Maranatha Adams - January 24, 2018 at 02:57 PM

LH

“ *Larry & Patricia Hill purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Jeanette Dewell.*



Larry & Patricia Hill - January 23, 2018 at 08:05 PM

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“ *Leah Lockamy purchased the Garden Accent - "My Mother kept a garden..." for the family of Mary Jeanette Dewell.*



Leah Lockamy - January 22, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jeanette Dewell.*



January 20, 2018 at 04:25 PM

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“ I feel like I have lost another sister. My memories of my time spent with Jeanette are so deep and powerful, my heart is breaking. My thoughts and prayers are with Jeanettes' children and families. Shirley Hill



Shirley Hill - January 20, 2018 at 10:38 AM

LH

“ To my big Sis. You were an inspiration to me all 72 years of my life. You showed me the way people are supposed to behave in life. You set an example for me that has guided me. I remember the family Christmas gatherings each year and they are among the best memories of my entire life. I love you Nette and I will miss you greatly.

Larry Hill - January 20, 2018 at 09:11 AM