



## Muriel J. Ballance

April 30, 1934 - June 30, 2019

Hampton – Muriel J. Ballance, 85, of Hampton, died on Sunday June 30, 2019 at Oceanside Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation where she was a longtime resident. The Ballance Family would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the Oceanside staff for caring for our Mother.

She was born in Decatur, TN on April 30, 1934 a daughter of the late Luther and Estella (Smith) Ford.

Muriel attended Decatur schools and graduated from Meigs County High School in Decatur. She moved to Seabrook in 1977 and to Hampton in 1991 until moving briefly back to Tennessee for five years before returning to the seacoast in 2008.

Muriel was a caregiver to family members and family was most important to her. Those that knew Muriel outside of the family also called her “Mom.” Muriel had the patience and strength to raise three boys. She used her southern authoritative charm to nurture but set high expectations for her family. Muriel was humble and empathetic and always respectful to those around her. Her unwavering support enabled her family to thrive. Most importantly it was her unconditional love that was the essential ingredient to being a great Mom.

She leaves two sons, Sean Ballance and his wife Maylissa of Franklin, TN, Alex Ballance and his wife Pamela of North Hampton, three grandchildren, Joshua, Britni and Cora Rose Ballance, her two sisters, Garnet Cofer of Ten Mile, TN, Kay Waters of Harriman, TN, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son Anthony Ballance in 2015.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Comments

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“ Darcy\Clyde Brown lit a candle in memory of Muriel J. Ballance



Darcy\Clyde Brown - July 22, 2019 at 09:03 PM

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“ Sorry for the loss of your mom, Sean and Alex.



Terri Provencher - July 16, 2019 at 07:15 AM

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“ Maureen Royal lit a candle in memory of Muriel J. Ballance



Maureen Royal - July 12, 2019 at 06:52 PM

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“ What an amazing lady! I think of her sheepish grin and sweet giggles when something amused her! I was fortunate to have Muriel as a Mother figure in my life for a few years! I know that she was so proud of her boys and their families! Nothing made her light up more than when she talked of them! Thinking of you all as you celebrate this gentle loving soul!

**James Walker** - July 11, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ I knew Muriel from Bingo and the worship services I did at Oceanside! I sat next to her many a time playing bingo and at our worship services she would know every hymn by heart! She will be missed for sure! My condolences to her family and friends! RIP Muriel.  
Nancy Philbrick

**Nancy Philbrick** - July 12, 2019 at 08:18 AM



“ Free from the shackles of human frailties dear Muriel. Reunited with those you love, who were waiting with open arms. Rest in sweet peace dear lady. Condolences to you Alex on the loss of your Mom.

**Felicia Giordano** - December 29, 2019 at 07:46 PM

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“ Susan Watts lit a candle in memory of Muriel J. Ballance



**Susan Watts** - July 11, 2019 at 12:29 PM