



## Katherine "KK" Keeling

February 1, 1917 - January 14, 2014

KEELING, Katherine "KK" Gray, Age 96 of Nashville & formerly of Wartrace, TN, passed away on Jan. 14, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence & Oveida Cortner; husband, Jack Keeling; brothers, Pete & Gerald Cortner.

She is survived by her daughter, Judge Betty Adams Green (Jim Wooten); grandchildren, Amanda Gray Butters (Rob), Allyson Alia Johnson (Brent) & Andrew Frederick Heltsley (Laura); great-grandchildren, MacLaine & Grayson Butters, Loran & Logan Johnson, & Kate & Jackson Heltsley.

Beginning in Tullahoma & then moving to Nashville 7 years ago, Mrs. Keeling, well into her 80's & 90's, organized & led exercises for the "water babies", a water exercise class for adults. She was an avid Vanderbilt fan as well as a lover of classical poetry, and frequently quoted entire sonnets. Before retiring she was a civilian employee of the Air Force working with the Arnold Engineer Development Center.

Visitation will be at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Rd., on Sat. Jan. 18 from 10-12-pm with the service in our chapel at 12pm. Pastor Matthew Baldwin to officiate.

Interment will follow at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace, TN.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis or Tulip Street Methodist Church in Nashville.

PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME, (615)262-3312.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine "KK" Keeling*

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October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Betty -- Before your mom worked at AEDC, she was my 7th & 8th grade math teacher, and during recess she introduced the girls to basketball. She taught us on a slab of concrete on the campus, and she was a very enthusiastic "coach" and a tough "official". We loved her! The boys loved her because of her extreme interest in all sports, and it was not uncommon for half of a class period to be devoted to hashing over some recent ballgame. Then as young adults, my husband - Robert Gray - and I were fortunate enough to live next door to the Keelings on Circle Drive. What great neighbors your parents were, and your fisherman father sometimes even shared his "catch" with us. You were such a cute little girl, and I still remember seeing you sitting on the front steps afternoons with your housekeeper as she waited for her ride home. Such nice memories of a nice lady and her nice family! How blessed we all were to have had her in our lives.*

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**Shirley (Gray) Moore** - January 24, 2014 at 05:41 PM



“ *I SO fondly remember Katherine...one of my absolute favorites in my water exercise class at the D. W. Wilson pool in Tullahoma. Loved her personality, the sparkle in her eyes, reciting poems, playing 'spoons'.... a fun woman and greatly admired. My love to her family which she dearly loved!*

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**Lucy Boss** - January 19, 2014 at 02:36 PM

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“ Betty - We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you!

*Julia and Donnie Vaughn*

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**Julia Vaughn** - January 18, 2014 at 04:07 PM

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“ "KK" such a special lady who was surrounded by a very special family that loved and cared for her always but especially in her later years. May our Lord comfort you each during this time of loss.

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**Susan Toothman** - January 17, 2014 at 08:57 PM