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Lynnville native and former Mayor, Frances Hewitt, passed away in residence in Monteagle TN after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. A graduate of Jones High School, in 1985 "Miss Frances" became the first female Mayor in Giles County. Dedicating her life to her hometown of Lynnville, Mayor Hewitt served as a Community Activist by organizing social and fundraising events and calling on state services for the betterment of her town.

Serving her community as City Alderman for 8 years, Vice Mayor for 4 years and Mayor for 17 years, Miss Frances took great pride in having Downtown Lynnville placed on the State of Tennessee's Historic Register, obtaining state grants for a new water system and natural gas system, and bringing cable TV to residents. She secured grants from the Department of HUD for upgrading insulation and windows in homes for elderly residents who were in need of financial assistance to maintain their homes. Among her numerous other contributions, she honored Lynnville's history as a railroad community by establishing the Lynnville Railroad Preservation Society and organized a team of professionals to construct and maintain the Lynnville Railroad Museum. Most people who think of Miss Frances, remember her determination, endless energy and fondly remember her love of dancing.

In her capacity as Mayor of Lynnville, Mrs. Hewitt served on the Board of

Directors for Elk River Development Agency and on the Executive Committee of the South Central Development. In 2002, she was honored as a recipient of the Giles County Book of Golden Deeds.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, WWII Veteran Sergeant Richard Wilkes Hewitt, her son, Richard B. Hewitt, parents Ernest B. and Ruth Coker Henry, sisters Ruth Henry and Reba Welch, and brother Nat B. Henry. She is survived by her daughter Nelle Anderson, Son-in-law Richard Dean, 5 grandchildren Coby Hewitt, Sam Anderson, Seth Anderson, Amanda Hewitt and Aaron Hewitt, 2 great granddaughters, Macie Anne Hewitt and Remi Jane Robbins.

A celebration of life to honor Mrs. Hewitt will be held at Lynnville United Methodist Church, 1541 Main Street, Lynnville, TN. 38472 on Sunday, December 1st. Visitation from 3:00pm until 5:00 and the service at 5:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made to Lynnwood Cemetery and Lynnville Methodist Church. Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements for Frances Hewitt.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I was so sorry to hear that Mrs. Hewitt has passed away. She was a remarkable lady with the most beautiful smile. She did so much to make the town of Lynnville what it is today. She was our landlord for 14 years so we became good friends. I am so grateful to have known her. God be with you all during this most difficult time.

Carol Russell Jeter - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Miss Frances. She was such a sweet lady. Always enjoyed talking with her. Miss seeing her at the Lynnville functions.

Anne Drewett - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

JC

“ It was a honor and pleasure to have taken care of Ms. Frances Hewitt while she was here in Monteagle. She will be truly missed and she was loved by many here. I'll miss her and I doing the Electric Slide together and me making her day by doing her nails and hair, because she wanted to be prettied up. Gone but wonderful memories. Rest in Peace Beautiful.

Julie Ann Coffelt - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

CJ

“ Lit a candle in memory of Frances Hewitt

Carol Russell Jeter - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

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“ Yes she will truly be missed she was a caring lady loved her community. I lived years ago in one of her little houses across the street from her. Rest in peace Ms. Hewitt

Kay Norwood - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM