



Kimesia (Ki) Christenbury Chiles

July 30, 1939 - August 19, 2023

Kimesia (Ki) Christenbury Chiles was born July 30, 1939, in Boone, N.C., and was always a star in the eye of her parents, Edward Samuel & Frances Elizabeth Timme Christenbury.

Ki grew up in the Sequoia Hills area of Knoxville, Tennessee, where she graduated from West Hills High School. Following high school, she attended The University of Tennessee – Knoxville where she graduated with a degree in Home Economics & Child Development. While at UT, she was active in many clubs, and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority (following her Mom and sister's legacies). During the summers, she was a Girl Scout Counselor for the State of Tennessee in Hardy, Arkansas. Her senior year, Ki met the love of her life, Walter Bruce Chiles. They married shortly thereafter and built a beautiful life together raising their two children, Kim and West.

As a young couple, they lived in Atlanta while Bruce was pursuing his MBA at Emory. Ki helped establish The Child Development Program at The Atlanta Area Vocational School and was one of the original teachers for this program. She loved this job and her students. In 1971, Ki and Bruce, along with Bruce's parents, purchased Coffman Oil, which became Chiles Oil, and moved their family back to Bruce's hometown in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Ki was an avid bridge player (member of Cheekwood Bridge), loyal Atlanta Braves and UT Lady Vols Basketball fan, voracious reader, loved her daily

crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and was an adventuresome traveler with lots of stories to share. She was devoted to her family, friends, and the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, where she served on various committees. Ki was always interested in everyone and was a true example of grace, love, and kindness to others.

Ki is survived by her loving husband of 63 glorious years, Walter Bruce Chiles of Pulaski; daughter, Kimesia Chiles Isbell and her husband Terry of Natchitoches, LA; son, Preston West Chiles and his wife, Teresa of Pulaski; sister, Frances Pomeroy of Brenham, TX; brother, Edward Christenbury and his wife Sue of Fort Meyers, FL; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John & Sue Chiles of Columbia; and step-grandchild, Josh Isbell and wife Alicia. Several nieces and nephews and many friends also survive. Special thank you to her caregivers at NHC – Pulaski.

We are incredibly thankful for the wonderful love and influence Ki had on our lives. She will be missed daily.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 200 West Jefferson Street, Pulaski, TN 38478, or the Giles County Public Library, 122 S 2nd Street, Pulaski, TN 38478.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 23rd from 1:30-3:00 at First United Methodist Church Pulaski. Services immediately following at 3:00. Interment at Maplewood Cemetery.

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements for Kimesia (Ki) Christenbury Chiles.

Cemetery Details

Maplewood Cemetery

500 Ballentin Street
Pulaski, TN 38478

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

First United Methodist Church
200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Funeral Service

AUG 23. 3:00 PM (cst)

First United Methodist Church
200 West Jefferson Street
Pulaski, TN

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Ashley Holley lit a candle in memory of Kimesia (Ki) Christenbury Chiles



Ashley Holley - September 02, 2023 at 10:28 PM

AH

“ I'm very sorry to hear of this. May God Comfort the family. Love, Ashley n Abel Holley

Ashley Holley - September 02, 2023 at 10:28 PM

NF

“ Sweet Beautiful Mrs. Chile Always saying Thank you..You are So Welcome..Mr,Chile and Family Thank you for Donuts and Flowers yall always brought to the Nurses Desk Much Appreciated..God is a God of Comfort..Prayers to you All..Rip Mrs. Chile...Nhc Healthcare Pulaski....Nikki Rivers Foster



Nikki Foster - August 21, 2023 at 07:12 PM

KW

Smiling, energetic , and positive ... what a great lady to know and love !
Prayers will be lifted for her family and many friends.

Kimberly White

Kimberly White - August 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM

TB

“ So sorry for your loss.

Toby Barrett - August 21, 2023 at 06:17 PM

CS

“ *Ki brought her Erin to me many times when I began my dog grooming and boarding business and was always so kind. Condolences to her surviving husband and children and all who loved her (I did)*

Caroline Scoggin - August 21, 2023 at 03:45 PM

CS

“ *Caroline Scoggin lit a candle in memory of Kimesia (Ki) Christenbury Chiles*



Caroline Scoggin - August 21, 2023 at 03:41 PM