



Tess Galloway

November 22, 1944 - May 15, 2016

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services for Mrs. Tess Galloway, 71, who entered into rest May 15, 2016, will be conducted Wednesday morning at 11am at True North Church. Rev. Gene Jennings and Rev. Jerry Byrd officiating. Interment in Pineview Memorial Gardens.

Teresa Waldrep Galloway, known by all who loved her as ‘Tess’, was a faithful Christian, a loving wife, an active mother of four and a compassionate friend. This petite, energetic woman was a medical marvel. In 1988, she was diagnosed with what would come to be identified as Multiple Myeloma, an incurable but treatable blood cancer. Though she endured 28 years of treatment, she professed throughout a belief in healing through Christ Jesus.

Tess was born on November 22, 1944 in Atlanta, Georgia to Ralph Waldrep and Ruby Waldrep. Her father passed away when Tess was two years old and her mother married Dawson Bryant when Tess was in college. She is survived by her loving husband, Jodie Chandler Galloway, and their four children, Natalie Pierce, her husband Lou Pierce and their sons Ian Pierce and Gavin Pierce of Windber, PA, Brannon Galloway and Shari Bishop of Aiken, SC, Lauren Galloway of Denver, CO and Benjamin Galloway of Bend, OR. Tess was the fourth of five children Alicia Waldrep of North Augusta, SC, Jeannie Collins of Rome, GA, Richard Waldrep of MD and Anita Lewis of Swainsboro, GA.

She was a drum majorette at Mary Persons High School in Forsythe, GA from 1961-1962, a member of the homecoming court at Truett McConnell College in 1963 and Miss University Hospital in 1967.

Only having known her for a couple months, Jodie Galloway arrived to meet Tess Waldrep's parents with a basket full of South Carolina peaches on July 4, 1967 and kissed Tess for the very first time that night. They stayed up late discussing life, love and faith. They prayed about their decision together, and Jodie asked Tess to marry him that very night.

Tess said, 'It was like a puzzle being put together by the Lord, and Jodie and I were the pieces that made it into the picture it was supposed to be.'

With a 6-week engagement, they married the day after Tess graduated from nursing school in August of 1967. During their first year of marriage, she devoted herself to her husband and her new career. Thirteen months later, she bore their first child, Natalie, and put nursing on the back burner to raise their four children. Brannon was born in 1970, Lauren in 1973 and Benjamin in 1977.

Tess was always the active mom, chauffeuring her children to and fro. She was a baton-twirling teacher, a doll maker, the children's theme party-thrower extraordinaire, the loudest supporter of little league baseball and the best dressed, most adored mother of her children's friends. She was deemed 'Miss Tessie' by the high school cheerleading troop she coached who confided in her about their many teenage stresses. Tess was president of the PTA at North Augusta Middle School and North Augusta High School and a member of the North Augusta Women's Club.

Life in the Galloway household was firmly held together by an astounding faith

in Jesus Christ. Every decision was guided by their belief, and many blessings followed.

After seeing her two eldest children through high school and into college, Tess decided to venture back into nursing to help fund her children's college education. It was then, in 1988, that Tess was required to have a medical exam to gain her nursing recertification. The only diagnosis at that time was a malfunction of the kidneys, and it was confirmed as Multiple Myeloma some years later. She refused to allow this disease to take over her life. Tess and Jodie plunged deeper into their relationship with God and trusted in Him to take care of her. They believed that speaking the word 'cancer' was not an option, because it instills fear in those who hear it, so they professed 'healing' instead. After a few years of challenging treatments, Tess was forced to tell her children about her diagnosis, as the only logical next step was chemo. She finally revealed the news to her children - but very few others -and her faith never wavered.

Tess found a wonderful opportunity with Ask-A-Nurse. Her drive to help people and her outgoing personality made her a perfect fit. She loved talking with patients on the phone to guide them to appropriate care. She took the time to get to know them and share the love of Jesus with them.

Forty-nine years together and Tess and Jodie's love for one another grew stronger and deeper. Their ability to repair and forgive was a key learning of their faith. And, their faith was the cornerstone of their successful marriage.

Tess saw all of their children grow into smart, funny, successful adults and was also blessed with two loving grandsons. Tess was so proud of them: Ian Pierce, 22, a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan and tender-hearted Gavin Pierce, 19, who is itching to explore the world outside of small-town Pennsylvania.

Every treatment Tess undertook, she endured remarkably. She and Jodie rejoiced daily in what God has done. Only a miniscule amount of those diagnosed with Myeloma live with it for more than twenty years. With her faith and constant belief in healing, she beat the odds by surviving 28 years.

'My faith is my strength, and my life is a testimony to the fact that faith has tangible results when you truly believe,' she recently said.

Tess went to be with her Savior on May 15, 2016 surrounded by her loving husband, children and caregiver. She left an indelible mark on everyone who knew her. She will be missed, but she has been welcomed to heaven with open arms by her Heavenly Father.

Pallbearers will be Benjamin Galloway, Woods "Chip" Burnett, Joe Bunch, Rev. Terry Eubanks, Don Fields and Calvin Bruce.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home this Tuesday evening from 5 until 7.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: True North Missions, 1297 W. Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC 29841 or to Angel Flight, 12345 East Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74128.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Cemetery Details

Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

True North Church
1060 West Martintown Road
North Augusta, SC 29841
admin@poseycares.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Tess Galloway*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Tess Galloway*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Vickie Harton Kivinen sent a virtual gift in memory of Tess Galloway*



Vickie Harton Kivinen - May 30, 2016 at 07:27 AM



“ *I'm so saddened to hear of Ms. Tessie's death. She was a wonderful woman who gave of herself. She was an extremely patient person to volunteer to lead our 9th grade cheerleading squad! She treated each of us with love and kindness. We had lots of laughs that year and I will always remember her fondly. She was an amazing mother, who was clearly devoted to her family. And in my friend Lauren, I know her traits of good humor, sweet smiles, kindness and a gentle spirit will live on. You are all in my thoughts. I regret I could not come and pay my respects in person to honor such a lovely woman.*

Julie Fries - May 25, 2016 at 11:48 AM

LL

“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Tess Galloway! She was truly of angel of God. My family has known and been apart of the family for many years. Mom and I visited Tess an her husband a few months ago. We are truly sorry for the lost of our Angel, Love u Mrs. Galloway. We will never forget you, never. From Maebell, Miss. Fannie, Tosha, David, Bennie, Stacie, the Knight and Butler family.

Latasha Lee - May 23, 2016 at 10:58 AM

DW

“ I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of Ms. Tess, you and Jodi are such an inspiration to me, I always laugh when I see Jodi he always has that book, gosh what a great couple I remember all the prayers you two prayed over me, I will forever be great full for the wisdom you two instilled over me, I pray now that the peace of God that passes all understanding will be with you Jodi and you're family knowing that in a little while you will be with Tess again along with all God's children. If there is anything I can do for you please don't hesitate to call me. With love Danny Watton.

Dan Watton - May 19, 2016 at 09:15 AM

ZI

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Zafar Iqbal - May 18, 2016 at 02:08 PM

ZI

I know sister Tess as great women of God, who helped us all whole year with prayer and finances, Many orphan, poor, street children were fed and clothed. Many are given shoes, and necessities of life. every one here in our church will miss this precious lady. Pastor Zafar Iqbal, Pakistan, e-mail:- chairmanlmso@gmail.com.

Zafar Iqbal - May 18, 2016 at 02:16 PM

JW

“*Jimmy and I will always have fond memories of our blessed times with Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship with Tess and Jodie. Jodie, we remember that drive to Miami to sit in a Full Gospel meeting and we drove back the same night praying to be translated we were so tired. Of course, we drove all the way back.*

Wonderful times of fellowship over the word (and good food) will always be remembered.

May the Comfort of the Holy Spirit rest upon you and your family and the peace of God within all of you, and the knowing that we will see her again soon.

Love and prayers!

Jimmy and Sandra Wright

Jimmy and Sandra Wright - May 18, 2016 at 09:07 AM

IZ

“*I am so sorry to here about Tess passing but I know she is in a better place and praising the Lord. Tess and I have had some wonderful times together growing up next door and going to school together. We always said she was my sister because at the time all I had was brothers. She will surely be missed . My prayers and through are with you in this time of sorry. Iris Darden Zehner*

Iris Zehner - May 18, 2016 at 06:33 AM

JF

“ After knowing Jodie through our school district for over 25 years I knew he must have have a jewel of a wife. So sorry to read of your loss, but look what Heaven gained. She is a beautiful lady and it sounds she was the same inside. My prayers are for you and your family to have peace which you know only comes from our Lord. Blessings to each of you, Jean Frederick, Williston

Jean Frederick - May 17, 2016 at 11:43 AM

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Lauren Galloway - May 17, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ Dear Jodie, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tess. I have many fond memories of the 2 of you. May her memory be a blessing to you and all who knew her. JoAlla Gold

JoAlla Gold - May 17, 2016 at 10:31 AM

TE

“ Jodie, Lauren, Natalie, Brandon and Benji:
I am so sorry for your loss. Tess was an AMAZING woman. Heaven gained a Beautiful angel. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Mike and Teresa Meigs and Daryl Strickland

Teresa - May 17, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ I always admired Tess, from elementary school upward. She was truly one of the sweetest people I have ever known, I enjoyed our chats on FB and email, and will always cherish eating BBQ in N. Augusta with Tess and Jodie. Our prayers are with the entire family, Heaven is rejoicing that she is home!

Chuck Verzyl - May 17, 2016 at 09:50 AM

DH

“ Dianne Folk Hightower lit a candle in memory of Tess Galloway



Dianne Folk Hightower - May 17, 2016 at 09:44 AM

DH

Tess was such a loving caring special woman of God. She will truly be missed. No more pain for her to endure and we will see her again one day. God bless her family.

Dianne Folk Hightower - May 17, 2016 at 09:46 AM

AS

“ Tess, you were and still are, even in Heaven, a POWERHOUSE OF FAITH!! Much love to you and to Jodie!! Anne Stone

Anne Stone - May 16, 2016 at 11:15 PM

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Lauren Galloway - May 16, 2016 at 10:19 PM

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“ *Memories are sweet and abundant of this lovely, woman of God, my friend, my sister!! My older children cried when they learned Natalie and Brannon were not their cousins. One night they were visiting, and we were all sitting on the living room floor praying, when the children fell asleep, so we just rounded up some pillows and blankets and their family spent the night right there! She taught me so much about loving others and Jesus! Her home was always a welcome and inviting place where love reigned. I shall miss her greatly!!*

Donna Yaun - May 16, 2016 at 10:15 PM



“ *Aunt Tess was a spectacular woman! Every time I think of her my memory is graced with her beautiful smile. I can hear her laughter and comforting voice. It has been many years since I have seen her; however, I am truly blessed to say she has been a positive role model in my life. A beautiful person in so many ways-an angel on earth who is now watching over us! Love always, Shaun*

Shaun Jenkins - May 16, 2016 at 08:55 PM

HT

“ Mrs. Galloway was one of the finest, Christian ladies I have ever known. She'll be missed by her family and friends. The Thomason Family sends our deepest sympathy to her family.
Sincerely, Harry And Judy Thomason




Harry A. Thomason - May 16, 2016 at 08:19 PM

CK

“ John and I met Tess only one time but Lauren has been a member of our family for almost 20 years and will continue to be for the rest of our lives. Tess's life will continue through the gentle and faithful spirit of her children and grandchildren. Our heartfelt love for Lauren and her entire family is being sent through the heavens from Colorado to South Carolina.

Chris And John Kuglin - May 16, 2016 at 06:55 PM

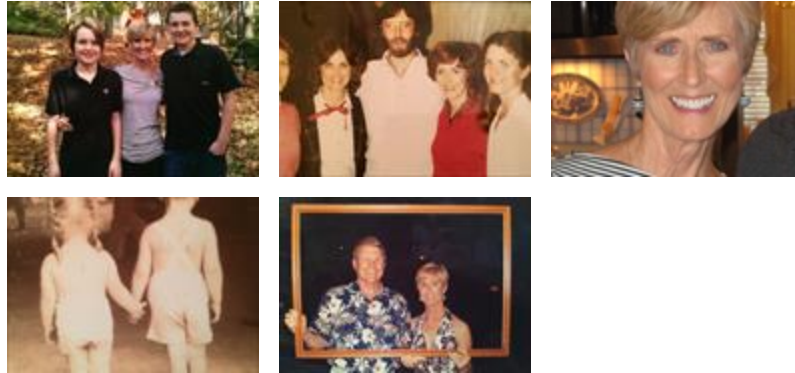
 Lisa Filipczak

“ I never had the honor of meeting Tess but I credit her with bringing the incredible gift of her daughter, Lauren, into my life as a dear friend. I always appreciated Tess's sweet and inspiring posts on Lauren's Facebook page and the wonderful stories that Lauren shared about her mom. It was obvious from those comments and Tess's example to her family that she was a woman of steadfast and unwavering faith. It is also apparent how strong and resilient Tess was throughout her life and how much she is loved. I send my love, support and prayers to the Galloway and Waldrep families now and in the days ahead. May sweet memories, your strong faith and the love of friends and families support you during this difficult time and well into the future. With boundless love and sympathy, Lisa Filipczak, Denver, CO

Lisa Filipczak - May 16, 2016 at 06:30 PM

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Lauren Galloway - May 16, 2016 at 05:48 PM

PE

“ *My first impression of Tess was: this is woman who truly loves each and everyone of her kids 100% unconditionally. That each person was free to express themselves and she loved them for their individual uniqueness. You could also see how much uncle Jodie loved her. Like two teenagers smitten with one another. The fabric / foundation was family - and I was so blessed to be welcomed into that quilt through marrying their Nephew. Her sparkle, sweetness and faith will be missed, but not forgotten.*

Penny - May 16, 2016 at 05:32 PM

CN

“ *Growing up in the Galloway family meant getting together for our annual Christmas dinner. My earliest memories of Aunt Tess was that she was always joyful and full of the spirit. I think that is what attracted me to become more like Christ-like. She is the sun in the family that will be missed.*

Christt Nix - May 16, 2016 at 05:15 PM

EZ

Jodie. Dot and I were so sad to learn late last night of the passing of Tess. our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless

Ed and Dot Zeigler

Ed and Dot Zeigler - May 17, 2016 at 07:55 AM