



Annie Laurie Mayes

November 10, 1925 - August 27, 2020

A message from daughter Sabrina Kimball about her sweet mother.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my mother, Annie Laurie Mayes, age 94. She passed away on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at our home from complications of the coronavirus. She was born on November 10, 1925 to parents – the late John William Timbs and Ella Lee Timbs in Dallas County, Texas. She was the first of three children born right before the Great Depression. She had a brother – the late John William Timbs Jr. and a sister – the late Ruthie Lee Honea. She had the most amazing memory and would often share stories from her childhood. She remembered doing dishes when she was only 4 years old because her mother was sick. She learned to read by reading the bible to her paternal grandmother. She felt education was especially important and in 1990 she finished High School and got her GED. She was 65 years young at the time. She always told me that a person could do anything they put their mind to if they only believed in themselves. Over the years, my mother wore many hats - wife, mother, grandmother, phenomenal homemaker, cook, seamstress, gardener, salesperson, and a proofreader/editor. During the Second World War, she worked for General Electric on one of the first computers. If you asked her which she liked the most, she would say mother and grandmother. She had three daughters – the late Anna Raye Anderson – Euless, Texas, the late Dianne Limbaugh (Don) – Byhalia, Mississippi and me, Sabrina Kimball – Tallahassee, Florida. She

loved us all and was fiercely protective of us. She was blessed with 9 grandchildren – Bobby Pickett (Charlotte), Ira Pickett, the late Phillip Pickett, GlynnDa (Jesse) Shearer, DiAnna Covey and Travis Anderson Jr., Dewayne Limbaugh (Jennifer), RaShane Limbaugh (Holly) and Greyson Kimball, 12 great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren and 4 great-great-great grandchildren.

One of the first things you noticed about her, besides her beautiful smile and twinkly blue eyes, was her sweet spirit. She had a strong faith in God and shared that with everyone she met. She was the person who would lift up your spirit with a positive word or a scripture of hope. Despite going through many difficult challenges over the years, she never let go of her faith. She knew that God had a plan and would see her through. She was a 50-year colon cancer survivor. She stood on the scripture he gave her daily, Isaiah 40:31 “But those who HOPE in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.”

Those who knew her well, knew she had several things that she enjoyed very much ...Dr. Pepper, Cheetos, Chocolate and Tom Selleck. Not in that order, lol! She loved music and Dwight Yoakum was still a favorite. During her youth, she was a great dancer and was even asked to teach at Arthur Murray. She never met a stranger, much to my fathers' chagrin. If she went in and asked for directions when Dad got us lost (which happened often) she would come back out with the directions and the persons life story. My parents married on July 13, 1942 and divorced in 1990 after some turbulent years. But before my father passed in 2008, they had become friends and had forgiven the past.

My mother was my best friend and I was so lucky to have her as long as I did in my life. She was diagnosed with vascular dementia in 2012 and it was a hard disease to go through, but for the most part she always remembered me and never forgot my son, Greyson. She and Greyson had an incredibly

special bond and that never was taken from them.

She was the most loving and caring woman that ever lived. If you were lucky enough to have met her you were certainly touched by a REAL-LIFE ANGEL!

Since the increase of Coronavirus cases across the country, we have decided to postpone Mom's service, scheduled for November 7, 2020. Once life becomes normal again, we will be planning a beautiful service to commemorate my Mom's life. We look forward to being able to share that with you all safely soon! A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for my AMAZING and LOVING MOTHER is also still to come!

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity, or plant a tree in her name. She told me that during the depression, her paternal grandmother would feed the homeless that came to their door, even though what they had was scarce. Her grandmother told her she did this because you never knew if one of those people might be an angel in disguise. She said that Jesus taught us to help those who could not help themselves. Hebrews 13:2 – “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

My Mother is at peace now and yet she lives on in all the hearts of those she touched with her kindness and love! She will be GREATLY missed!

Plant a tree in her memory: <https://www.alivingtribute.org/>

The family is being assisted by James Sircy and Jackie Fulford of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Annie Laurie Mayes*



Young ~ Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory - September 15, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Annie Laurie Mayes*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



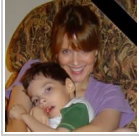
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“ *Annie Laurie Mayes*

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“ *Happy Birthday! We want you to know how much we love you and miss you! We CELEBRATE you today! You were an Amazing woman, mother and grandmother! We were blessed to have you in our lives! Sabrina and Greyson November 10, 2020*

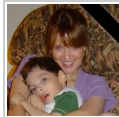


Sabrina Kimball - November 10, 2020 at 09:49 PM

WG

“ *We will miss your lovely smile that you had when ever we came over to Sabrina house for a visit. You never lost it even when you where in Thomasville. We enjoy the trips to Thomasville to get you when Sabrina had to ten to Grayson. The first thing she would ask is how is her young man doing. We miss her very much.*

Wayne&Pam Guppenberger - September 03, 2020 at 04:36 PM



She loved you both very much and always enjoyed our times together!

Sabrina Kimball - September 09, 2020 at 08:20 PM

JG

“ Ms. Laurie has always been one of the people I looked forward to seeing the most at friend and family celebrations and get togethers. Her warm and uplifting conversation was always fun and frequently funny too! She always made a point of sharing a special greeting or a few minutes with Sophie. Her love for Sabrina and Greyson was obvious. She tried hard to do the right thing during her life. I loved her and her gentle influence. She will be greatly missed!



Janet Graham - September 01, 2020 at 12:51 PM



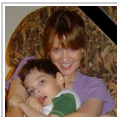
She loved you both and really enjoyed our times together!

Sabrina Kimball - September 01, 2020 at 04:10 PM

YV

“ Ms. Annie was always such a loving and woman. From day 1, she welcomed me with open arms. We would sit and talk about the joys of life, while we sat with our guy Greyson. I am so grateful to have had the pleasure to know her, she made me feel like part of the family! Love you and you will be missed, Ms. Annie! Your contagious smile and laughter will always be in my heart!

Yvetta - September 01, 2020 at 08:06 AM



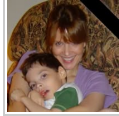
She loved you like family too!

Sabrina Kimball - September 01, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DH

I was privileged to know sweet Annie. Always smiling and making you think you were her best friend. From day one, I witnessed a mother and grandmother that unconditionally loved Sabrina and Grey, with a love so deep and a witness to others to love as Christ loved. We will miss her.

Deretha Heller - September 01, 2020 at 01:25 PM



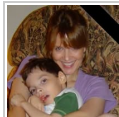
So true...she is greatly missed!

Sabrina Kimball - September 02, 2020 at 09:12 PM

SP

“ *Grandma Laurie was a grandma to my 3 kids! We shared birthdays, holidays, and special moments together for many years! She always had a smile and a positive word for everyone that was around her ❤️ We will miss her dearly.*

Stephanie Petrandis - August 31, 2020 at 11:51 PM



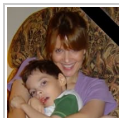
She loved all of you too!

Sabrina Kimball - September 01, 2020 at 11:27 AM

DM

“ *Laurie and I had a instant friendship sharing our special grandchildren. Miranda Grace and Greyson. We shared birthday celebrations , Christmas, and other holidays together. She will always hold a very special place in my heart. Love and prayers for Sabrina and Greyson 💕*

Donna Miranda - August 31, 2020 at 10:49 PM



She had so much fun with you! She always enjoyed our times together!

Sabrina Kimball - September 01, 2020 at 11:29 AM

SH

“ *There are so many memories, I remember a many of late nights playing hell on your neighbor and having a whole lot of laughs*

Shane - August 31, 2020 at 09:26 PM



She really enjoyed those nights and what fun we all had!

Sabrina Kimball - September 01, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *There are so many wonderful memories that it is hard to pick just one. For me, seeing my mom holding Greyson and rocking him in my recliner will always be one of my most treasured memories. The love between the two of them was so special! It hurts to know we can't share those moments anymore. But someday we will all be reunited in heaven!*



Sabrina Kimball - August 31, 2020 at 04:45 PM