



Muriel Mortensen

January 3, 1926 - January 29, 2024

Muriel Mortensen, known as Nodie to her friends and family, passed away on January 29 at the age

of 98. Nodie was the second of nine children, with whom she remained remarkably close. Nothing

was more important to Nodie than her family, especially her three children, and her many

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Even as her memory left her in later years, she loved to hear

about their activities and accomplishments. In turn, they loved listening to the many stories of her

long, rich life, including growing up “so poor we used a brick for a baby doll,” and how she met

Henry, her loving husband of 49 years. With Henry, she traveled across the US and to Europe, but

always returned to her hometown of Adamsville, where she spent most of her life surrounded by her

large extended family.

Nodie’s friends and family knew her as a world-class cook, a talented needleworker, a canny card

player, and a deeply empathetic champion for the underdog -- even when her sympathies were

politically unpopular. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will remember

her best simply as their “Nanny” -- a good listener, a great storyteller, and someone who always had time to play and laugh with them.

She will be terribly missed by many, but never forgotten.

Nodie is survived by her children Jim Mortensen (Michelle), Mark Mortensen (Cindy), and Nancy

Sandlin (William Boone); grandchildren Terra Mortensen-Rooks (Tim), Joy Shuttlesworth (Perry),

Melinda Boyd (Cornel), Emily Bell (Chad), Karen Hunley (Brian), and Joshua Mortensen (Laura); as

well as 21 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Ann Handley (Ottis) and Carolyn

Johnson (Be Whitfield), and her brother Randy Johnson (Pam).

She is preceded in death by her husband Henry; her grandson Eric Mortensen; son-in-law Larry

Sandlin; sisters Flora Ruth (“Foff”) Cruce and Bobbie Rice; and brothers Billy, Burleigh, and Steve

Johnson.

Nodie’s family would like to extend their deepest thanks to the caring staff at Hanceville Nursing and

Rehab Center and Southern Care Hospice.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 2pm in the chapel at New Horizon Funeral

Home, followed by a memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Nodie’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home
5203 Hollis Goodwin Road
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-2323

Tribute Wall

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“ To Nodie's family. We lived near Nodie and her family in Adamsville when I was growing up. When I pass her home in Adamsville I think of the sweet family that lived there. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Margaret (Storey) Sheppard

Margaret Sheppard - February 09, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Muriel Mortensen.



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“ Nancy and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I enjoyed going to church with Nodie at Union Grove Methodist Church. Nodie was a special lady.

Debra Bearden

Debra Bearden - January 31, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ Three Cross Throw was purchased for the family of Muriel Mortensen.



January 31, 2024 at 04:15 PM