



## Mary Louise Champion

October 26, 1931 - May 31, 2023

Mary Champion, age 91, of Chelsea, passed away on May 31, 2023. A visitation will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Chelsea Church of God. A funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM. Rev. Kimberly Bradley is presiding and Bolton Funeral Home directing. She will be laid to rest at K-Springs Cemetery next to her husband John G. "Buck" Champion.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Tierce Milton Jones and Velma Evie Jones; her brother: Milton (Rose) Jones; her sister: Mildred (Chester) Johnson; her husband: John G. Champion; her daughter: Lenice (John) Moore; and her grandson: David (Emily) Champion.

She is survived by her children: Gordon (Betty) Champion, Dyrle (Roy) Woods, and Evie (Calvin) Griffin; her grandchildren: Tabatha (Darron) Hyde, Renae (Mark) Frederick, Jason Woods, Derek (Ashley) Woods, Peggy (Roland) St. John, Patty (Chris) Collins, Beth (Tris) Muncher and Johnathan (Adrienne) Moore; her 13 great-grandchildren; and her 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Mary was fondly known to her friends and community as "Sis," but to family she was lovingly called "Nannie." The Bible says in 1 John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us," and Nannie loved with her whole heart. First, she loved her Savior and followed Him daily. She deeply loved her husband and

after his passing in 1969, continued to work hard to provide for and love her four children. She loved and always wanted to brag about each of her grandchildren and their families. She loved and accepted the addition of spouses to the fold graciously and quickly became everyone's favorite person. It was hard for Nannie to make friends but once you were in her circle she loved you and your family as her own.

Nannie was a strong, independent woman and being a child during the Great Depression, she learned to make ends meet and enjoyed the simple things in life. She enjoyed being outdoors and would often invite you for a visit on her front porch. She enjoyed gardening and playing with her pets who kept her company for many years. Her laugh was contagious, but she was fierce and stood her ground. She left this earth behind with a treasure trove of memories, which her family and friends will carry until they join her again in her heavenly home. She will be missed so deeply, but the love she gave will continue on.

Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## K-Springs Cemetery

4176 Highway 39  
Chelsea, AL 35043

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Chelsea Church of God  
2020 Highway 39  
Chelsea, AL 35043

## Funeral Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Chelsea Church of God  
2020 Highway 39  
Chelsea, AL 35043

# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Champion.



June 01, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Champion.



June 01, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Louise Champion.

June 01, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ I have alot of memories of Sis, I worked with her at Lloyd's, the kitchen was always full of laughter, that made the time pass faster, She was a very special person. Thanks for all the good times Sis!

**Steven Dorough** - June 01, 2023 at 02:32 PM

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“ *Harold & Anne Rice, John & Kelly Adams purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mary Louise Champion.*



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**Harold & Anne Rice, John & Kelly Adams** - June 01, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Champion.*



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June 01, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Champion.*



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June 01, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Champion.*



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June 01, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Peggy S. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mary Louise Champion.*



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**Peggy S.** - June 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Champion.*



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June 01, 2023 at 07:50 AM

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“ *Nannie was an excellent grandmother and great grandmother. I have so many fond memories of her. When we were younger, each grandchild got to spend the night with her. She'd always take us out to eat or shopping. She even took us to our first concert. She loved to play cards and was very competitive. She loved us all and when we started having babies, she helped with them as well. Its very special that my daughter was able to form a close bond with her great grandmother. Not many people can say that. Nannie will be missed but our memories will last forever.*

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**Patty Collins** - June 01, 2023 at 06:12 AM

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“ *I will always cherish the sweet memories I fondly have of my cousin, Sis. She is much loved by all and will always be missed and remembered by family and friends.*

*Sara Nabors Winterbottom*

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**Sara Winterbottom** - May 31, 2023 at 08:31 PM