



Lucy C. Turnbull

May 26, 1931 - April 21, 2019

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Dr. Lucy C. Turnbull died peacefully in her Oxford home with her best friends by her side in the early morning of Easter Sunday, April 21. Her death came after an extended illness.

Dr. Turnbull was born on May 26, 1931, in Lancaster, Ohio. Her parents were the late Donald Turnbull and the late Lucy Taylor Turnbull.

Dr. Turnbull was a scholar of the first rank. She received her A.B. degree Cum Laude from Bryn Mawr College; her A.M. degree from Radcliffe College; and her Ph.D. from Radcliffe College. Dr. Turnbull completed her post graduate studies at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece.

Following her academic preparation, she served Wellesley College as a Museum Assistant and Art Librarian. She then served as a Museum Assistant at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, MA.

She joined the faculty of the University of Mississippi in 1961 and experienced a long and illustrious career. She retired as Director Emerita of the University Museums and Professor Emerita of Classical Archaeology and Art. She had over 70 publications, books, presentations, and exhibitions during her academic career at the University. She also served as Chair of the Faculty Senate.

She served on the Governing Board of the American Association of University Professors. She was an active member of the American Civil Liberties Union; Common Cause; Mississippi Council on Human Relations; the Civil Rights Movement; and the National Organization for Women. She was also listed in the Directory of American Scholars.

Lucy was devoted and loved member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, where she served as leader of the Alter Guild and founding member of the Daughters of the King. For over 20 years she co-taught the Tychicus Adult Bible Study Class.

Lucy is survived by her brothers, Tom & Ed, and sister, Kathy. She was preceded in death by her brother, Warren, and her parents. She loved her family, friends, church, and cats. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the St. Peter's Tychicus Adult Bible Study Class, Daughters of the King, and Altar Guild. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Altar Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal Church or to the University of Mississippi Museums.

A rite of Christian burial will be held at St. Peter's on Friday, April 26 at 11 a.m. A visitation in the Parish Hall from 9:00 – 11 a.m. will precede the service. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
113 South 9th Street
Oxford, MS 38655

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have only just discovered Dr. Turnbull's passing, so this is a very late tribute. I was a student at Ole Miss from fall, 1968 to 1972, where I had many wonderful teachers, but the two most outstanding and inspirational were Dr. Frances Warren James and Dr. Lucy Turnbull. If you came out of one of Dr. Turnbull's classes with a good grade you could brag about it. But that is only a very partial reflection of her. Her love of her subject was obvious, and her interest in her students was also. Her sense of humor ran like a golden thread through everything. She was deeply inspirational, and tremendously encouraging. My career culminated in my becoming Curator of Levantine Antiquities at the British Museum. I am quite certain that I could not have achieved that without the start in scholarship which she gave me.

Rupert Chapman - April 14, 2023 at 08:34 AM

DG

“ Lucy was my favorite professor at Ole Miss. A wonderful mentor, kind friend, and a major influence on my life. We will not see her like again.
Douglas Gray

douglas gray - April 26, 2020 at 07:51 AM

VY

“ Lucy was a wonderful first cousin and we will miss our visits and lively conversations, but most especially her irrepressible sense of humor. God speed Lucy.
Ginny and Peter Young

virginia Young - April 25, 2019 at 06:49 PM

CD

“ *The times I spent with Lucy were some of the most rewarding moments in my life. Although I was there to help care for her, , our relationship was by far more beneficial to me. We spoke a great deal and I developed such a bond with her that I've rarely felt with others. She was such a strong lady but so very patient with those of us who worked with her. She had a deep appreciation for all animals, especially her own two cats. There will never be another like her. Her passing will be a loss felt deeply. I thank God in Heaven that I had the opportunity to know her if only for a brief period.*

Cynthia Delk

Cynthia M Delk - April 23, 2019 at 05:57 PM