



## Martha Anne Tapper Venz

November 15, 1933 - November 15, 2015

Martha Anne Tapper Venz, age 82, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2015 surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late David and Leonora Tapper of Fernandina, FL and was a longtime resident of Helena, AL.

A beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Sherman Venz; daughters, Pamela Venz (James Alexander), Teresa Williamson (Ken), Susan Doss (Floyd) all of Birmingham; her brother, David Tapper, Jr. (Patricia) of Cambria, CA and her sister, Dorothy Breidenbach (Harold) of Lake City, FL; seven grandchildren, Colin Alexander (Hannah Ellington), Sean Alexander, Kyle Williamson, Brody Williamson, Phillip Doss, Brittany Doss, Adam Doss and one great grandchild, Amelia Swann.

Raised in Fernandina Beach, FL she was a 1954 graduate of the Saint Vincent's School of Nursing in Jacksonville, FL. She began her career as a surgical nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville where she met her husband, Sherman. After moving with Sherman to Birmingham in 1957 she worked at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham until the birth of their first daughter. For the next twenty years she and Sherman raised their daughters as active members of their girls school, the church and their community. In 1980 she returned to nursing, working at Lloyd Noland Hospital in Fairfield until 1990 when she retired and welcomed the births of her beloved grandchildren over the course of the following years. Funeral mass will be held Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic

Church in Bessemer. Burial will follow at Valhalla Cemetery. Fathers John McDonald and Ray Dunmyer will be officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 12 Noon until service time at the church. Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home is honored to serve the Venz family. Online condolences may be sent to [www.bessemerbrownfh.com](http://www.bessemerbrownfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Susan and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a sweet lady and I'll always remember her being with us when we were kids and being so loving. \r\n\r\nKen and Jocinda \r\n\r\nJackie Russo

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**Jocinda McSwain** - September 17, 2021 at 11:10 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Martha was a very sweet lady and will be missed. Praying for the family.

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**Debbie Venz McCurdy** - November 17, 2015 at 12:16 PM

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**Vickie Rowe** - November 17, 2015 at 12:10 AM

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**Jocinda McSwain** - November 16, 2015 at 09:59 PM