

## Maira Hay Lamb Floyd

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Maira Hay Floyd born March 10, 1923 is a descendant of the early Floyd Family who traveled from Virginia to make their home in Tennessee in the early 1800s. Her parents, Oscar C. "OC" and Mary Catherine Hay Floyd raised their family on Floyd Road near Eagleville. Her father owned and operated an insurance business, which was taken over by her brother Ted, after the death of their father.

Maira is the youngest of eight children, 2 boys and 6 girls. All her siblings except a sister lived in the Eagleville area until their deaths. The oldest child, Ruth married Alfred P. Elmore, Howard Douglas "Ted" married Rachel D. Jones, Lillian Catherine married Claude Giles and lived in Chapel Hill, Johnnie Lou married Fred

Smithson, Oscar C. Jr. was unmarried, Emma Elizabeth married Harvey Crockett Reid and Mildred Doris married Harry Holden.



L-R: Front Row: Maira and Mildred. Back Row: Johnnie Lou, Emma & O. C. Jr.



Condra & Maira on their Wedding Day

Maira attended and graduated from Eagleville High School in 1941. There were sixteen in her graduating class, 15 girls and only one boy, Thomas Crick. Maira married Nathaniel Condra Lamb, son of Nathaniel W. and Bertha Jackson Lamb, on July 31, 1948 and they also lived near Eagleville. Condra drove a peddling truck for Carlton's General Store in Rover. He later worked at Blanton's Auto Parts in Murfreesboro, Shelton & Smithson garage and was co-owner of Smithson-Lamb Service Station in Eagleville. Condra died September 20, 1976 and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro.

In Maira's early working years, she substituted as a telephone operator and at the Bank of Eagleville for her sister, Emma. She also worked with Condra at Blanton's Auto Parts. She substituted as a cook in the cafeteria at Eagleville School for a while and retired after 18 years working as a secretary for Herman Clark Well Drilling Co.,

Maira and Condra have two children; William Floyd "Bill" born December 20, 1949 and Maribeth, born December 16, 1960; seven grandchildren; William Shane, Tiffany Nichole, Brandon Nathaniel and Chelsea Ashton Lamb and Candice Michelle Taylor Haggard, Christina and Isaiah Trey Barnfield; one great grandchild, Isaiah Haggard. Bill, his wife Deborah and family live near Eagleville. Maribeth died November 16, 2003 and is buried in the Rocky Glade Cemetery.

Maira regularly attends the Eagleville United Methodist Church where she has been a member since 1942. She joined the church when Rev. R. S. Qualls was the pastor.

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Maira's father, O. C. Floyd and another fellow church member, Jane Simpson's grandfather, David Henning Hughes were instrumental in the organization of The Eagleville Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1907. O. C. Floyd and David H. Hughes were the first stewards of the church. Maira and Jane attended this church on the creek bank on Main Street in Eagleville as children with their parents. The present Eagleville United Methodist church was moved to its location in 1941.

