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Eloise Broemel, first Motlow librarian, dies

Eloise Lacy Davidson Broemel, 81, of Tullahoma, the first elementary school librarian in the Tullahoma school system and the first librarian at Motlow College, died Monday at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville after a brief illness.

Born Oct. 23, 1917, in Shelbyville, she was the daughter of the late John Vance and Lou Ella Lacy Davidson. She was the wife of Warren Louis Broemel, whom she married in 1944.

Mrs. Broemel was educated in the public schools in Shelbyville and was valedictorian of the 1935 graduating class of Central High School. She graduated from Vanderbilt University magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa and served for many years as corresponding secretary for the Class of 1939. She graduated from the School of Library Service of Columbia University in New York in 1943.

After their marriage in 1944 and after living in New York, the Broemels moved to Tullahoma in 1952. In 1956 Mrs. Broemel was employed as the first elementary school librarian of Tullahoma and organized libraries at Bel-Aire, East Lincoln Street and South Jackson Street schools.

In 1969 she was employed as the first librarian and organizing librarian and director of the Library-Learning Resources Center at Motlow State Community College. She served in that capacity until her retirement in 1979.

Mrs. Broemel was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Tullahoma since 1952 and served as first president of the women of the church. She was president of the Tullahoma Education Association and was regent of the Tullahoma Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of



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Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Kappa Gamma, Ladies Hermitage Association, Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, Cheekwood, Highland Rim Community Concert Association, the Retired Teachers Association and the AEDC Women's Club.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Allen Mosiman officiating. Burial will be in Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville.

Memorial donations are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 204 E. Grundy St., Tullahoma.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two sons, Warren Davidson Broemel and Vance Lacy Broemel, and five granddaughters, all of Nashville.



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