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Clinton Woman Dies In House Fire

A 65 year old Clinton woman has died overnight after receiving serious burns in an effort to save her pets from a house fire yesterday afternoon. Martha Babb Bailey, of Ridge Lane in Orchard Knob Subdivision near Oak Ridge, passed away at the University of Tennessee Medical Center where she was taken after the fire.

Martha Bailey and a friend, Adra Denton, returned to Bailey's home after shopping to find the house on fire around 3:00pm yesterday, Wednesday, November 19. After Denton called 911 to report the fire, Bailey ran into the burning home to save her dogs and a cat. Her clothes caught fire and she collapsed in the living room. Denton was unable to reach her and called 911 again to say her friend was trapped in the residence. Both sheriff's deputies and fire crews were already responding. Deputies Wiley Maloney and Gene Rose were first on the scene, ran into the house, and along with Marlow Fire Captain Zach Pressnell they pulled Bailey from the fire.

Martha Bailey was taken to Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge by Anderson County EMS where she was flown by Lifestar to UT Medical Center. She passed away from her injuries several hours later.

One dog and a cat were rescued by fire fighters but another dog apparently perished in the fire.

Sheriff's investigators determined the fire started in the living room and there were no indications that it was anything other than accidental.

In addition to the Sheriff's Department, the Marlow Fire Department, Claxton Fire Department, Oak Ridge Fire Department, Anderson County Emergency Management, and Anderson County EMS responded.

Sheriff Paul White