



Fern McKinney

December 25, 2007

Fern McKinney, 89, of Huntsville, Arkansas, died December 25, 2007 at the Washington Regional Medical Center at Fayetteville. She was a retired public school teacher with over 30 years of service. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, the Madison County Retired Teachers Association and the National Education Association. She was the widow of Lue William McKinney, whom she married on December 5, 1942 and who preceded her in death on October 28, 2003. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Chauncey Ulbrich and Jean Ulbrich and by three sisters, Lois Bowman, Marguerite Weiss and Lillian Vaughan. Survivors include: two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Byron Johnson of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Luanne and Frank Kauffman of Lake Jackson, Texas; two sisters, Dorothea Risley of Tularosa, New Mexico and Virginia Schott of Devine, Texas; a niece, Barbara Malone of Ozona, Texas; two grandsons and one granddaughter-in-law, Dr. Jeff and Allison Johnson of Little Rock, Arkansas and D. J. Kauffman of Lake Jackson, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A. M. Saturday, December 29th, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with Reverend Michael Topham officiating. Interment will be in the Marshall Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home www.brashearsfuneralhome.net of Huntsville. Pallbearers will be: Phil Johnson, Steve Bohannan, Tommy Littrell, Wayne Patterson, Charles Merchant and Buck Ham.

Tribute Wall

WU

“ *Wanted you to know how deeply saddened we are of your loss. Remember, your loss is heaven's gain. You are in our prayers everyday, just hang on to God and he will help you be victorious.*

I (Judy) will always remember how she helped me in my Senior year in high school, taking the time to help me understand Algebra.

Will & Judy Usrey - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Fern McKinney*

Ed Hargis - January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I remember her as a great class sponsor.*

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CW

“ *I was one of her students. My deepest sympathy for your loss. She will be missed.*

Charlotte Wages - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Luanne, Diane, and family,
I was so sorry to hear about your mother. She had such an upbeat way about her; it was always a pleasure to be around her. I have many good memories of her from high school days when she was a math teacher and National Honor Society sponsor. My thoughts are with you...*

Debbie Parson Holt - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Just last week my teenager and I talked about math grades. I told her I had no idea how Ms. McKinney managed to get so many HHS students through math successfully. We didn't know it at the time, but later we would truly appreciate her efforts and professionalism. She was a class act, role model and inspiration. She will be remembered fondly by many. Luanne, Diane and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Jamie Hargis Witmer

Jamie Hargis Witmer - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Fern was one of my all time favorite teachers. How she ever got me through algebra is a miracle. I always loved her so much, and she was an inspiration to me.

Diana Bennett Taldo - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ So sad to hear Fern has passed. She was a great teacher and great friend.

Samantha Bennett Polen - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ The service was lovely. I will miss my dear friend. We shared so many wonderful memories together. My prayers are with you all.

Charlene Bennett - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ It was a terrible shock to learn of Fern's passing. The McKinney's have been long time friends and neighbors of both of our families. We send our prayers and condolences to their families at this time of their sorrow.

Debra McKnight Harmon - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DT

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diana bennett taldo - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I have so many memories of Fern and I was fortunate enough to see her from different viewpoints; first as a student, secondly as a colleague, and finally as a constituent when I served in the Legislature. I was astonished how helpful she was when I was in the General Assembly. She wrote to me often and always had something positive and informational for me. I really appreciated that. I should not have been surprised, as she was always helpful to me as a teacher and a colleague. I know that you will miss her as will all of us who had a chance to get to know her. May God be with you in the days to come.

Kevin Hatfield - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Diane, Byron, Jeff, Alli & Family,
We were blessed to have the opportunity to know Fern. What a beautiful person. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Much Love & Prayers, Catherine & Carl

Catherine & Carl Vest - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My condolences to the family.*

Belinda Whorton Davis - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Reading of Fern's death brought back many memories of the good times we shared. If I can do anything -- now or later -- to help, please let me know (479-872-8309). I keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

MARGARET SMITH - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I'm so sorry about your Mom's death. She was a great teacher, and an inspiration to all of her students.*

David Harwood - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *We're terribly sorry for your loss.*

She was a wonderful teacher and a great person.

Steve & Karen Spurlock - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *Mrs. McKinney was a wonderful teacher and an encouraging person. Our sympathy to Diane, Luanne and the family.*

*Natalie Gaskill Davis
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Natalie Gaskill Davis - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ TO the family of such a great teacher, I send my condolences to each of you. Mrs. McKinney was a great example of helping and teaching others. She will always be remembered for her giving of herself in a wonderful profession. May God hold each of you in the hollow of His hand, God be with you all.

Alvin Herrington - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM