



## Juanita Fern Bailey

August 6, 1921 - August 25, 2018

Juanita Fern Hubbard Bailey, 97, passed away August 25, 2018 at her home in Huntsville, Arkansas. She was born August 6, 1921 at Witter, Arkansas, the daughter of John Calhoun Hubbard and Elsie Hoskins Hubbard and the youngest of five siblings. She was a 1938 graduate of Huntsville State Vocational School (which became Huntsville High School in 1958). She attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK, the University of Central Arkansas, and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1957. She began teaching in 1937 at the age of 16 in the rural Madison County schools, transferring to the Huntsville School District in 1952 to teach first grade. She remained in this position until her retirement in 1984 with a total of 46 years of service. Mrs. Bailey loved her students and remained interested in their lives, careers, and accomplishments. Juanita Fern Hubbard and Walter William "Sam" Bailey were married on December 31, 1941. They enjoyed 51 wonderful years of marriage until his death on October 21, 1993. They made their home in the community of Alabam and were members of Presley Chapel United Methodist Church. Juanita was predeceased by her husband, her parents, and her four siblings, Polly Delk, Allie Edens, Taylor Hubbard, and Roxie Stapleton. She is survived by three nieces, Onedia Neal of Springdale, Arkansas; Marilyn Fern Dotson of Hindsville, Arkansas; and Charolette Palmer of Redding, California. She is also survived by several great nieces and nephews: Joe Dobson of Midwest City, Oklahoma; Janice Thomas of Springdale, Arkansas; Norma Ruth Neal of Springdale, Arkansas; Helen Friend of Springdale, Arkansas; Sharon Caldwell of Springdale, Arkansas; Kay Harmon of Springdale, Arkansas; Donna Gallagher of Springdale, Arkansas; Vicki Pennington of Springdale, Arkansas; Edward Edens of Monterrey, California; Whitney Wilson of Hindsville, Arkansas; Courtney Spurlock of Huntsville, Arkansas; Stephanie Casey of Hindsville, Arkansas; and Nicholas Palmer of Redding, California. Services will be held at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville, Arkansas on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. with Reverend Brad Moore officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday evening, August 29, 2018, at Brashears Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Interment will be at Alabam Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dwain Pianalto, Tom Tice, Shelby Sisemore, Edwin Thomas, Dr. Jeff Casey, Darby Spurlock, Kevin Wilson, and John Wilson. Honorary Pallbearers are Joe Dobson, David Dobson, Ernie Ward, Jay Dean Ward, Charles H.

Berry, Rodney Friend, Mike Caldwell and John Zieske. The family wishes to thank Tara Box, Lenora Riedel, Dr. Ivan Box, Cassey, Jeanette, Mary, Tina "Red", Donna, Elsie, Tina, Toni, Pam, and the wonderful staff of Countryside Assisted Living. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Presley Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund, in care of Evelyn Ham, 36872 Hwy 23 N, Huntsville, Arkansas 72740.

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ I was a student of Mrs Bailey. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Anita Miller - September 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Ms. Bailey was my first teacher! I was in her head start class before I was in 1st grade! She still knew me years later when I graduated from u of a as a teacher myself. She and Ms. Logue both sent me cards when I graduated with my teaching degree. I am honored to have her as a teacher! she will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Ms. Bailey!



lisa williams - September 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Mrs. Bailey was a blessing to so many. I am honored that she was part of my life.



Barbara (Jozwiak) Daniels - August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ When I read the newspaper this morning and the books I checked out from the library yesterday I thank Miss Bailey. She taught me to read from the Dick and Jane books in what must have been her second or third year of teaching in Huntsville. What a wonderful gift she gave me which I am thankful for every day. She was one of those special teachers you remember all your life.

Pauletta Lynn Stanphill Falls - August 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ First I'd like to offer my condolences. I know that Mrs. Bailey will be greatly missed by all. Mrs. Bailey was my first grade (and favorite of all time) teacher. She was kind to a poor kid from the sticks who was awkward and Extremely shy and on my first day introduced me to several other kids in the hopes that I would make friends, and I did. As I moved up in grade levels I always went back to visit her and she always remembered who I was. I only found out about her passing today and can tell you that the news brought tears to my eyes. Until we see her again in heaven, may God Bless you all and give you comfort.

Cynthia Brotherton - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *Such a lovely lady that will never be forgotten.*



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**Felecia Campbell** - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Dear Family May the Lord comfort you at this time. I was just thinking about her when I heard of her passing. I was happy to have had the opportunity to know her through the Madison County Teacher Retirement organization. She was a grand lady. This photograph of her shows a beautiful woman, and she was. I will be thinking of you. Sincerely Mary Batson*

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**Mary Batson** - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Mrs Bailey was such a sweet lady !! Taught school for many many families ok ly members , condolences to the family! Leann Obenshain and jim and Betty*

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**Jim and Betty Obenshain** - August 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Charles and Betty Jo Gurley** - August 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *A wonderful lady. Prayers for the family.*

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**Charlinda Reeves** - August 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *God gave us a very special gift when He let us have Ms Juanita for a while. He has taken her back home now. God bless all her family and more friends than we can count.*

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**Dorothy Roberts Dyer** - August 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Mrs. Bailey was such a sweet woman and a blessing to all. I had her as my Head Start teacher around 1968 or 1969. As long ago as it was, I think I remember it well because Mrs. Bailey made learning so much fun-the songs and games and stories. Several years ago, I had a chance to visit with her at Countryside Assisted Living. She asked me to write my name in a spiral notebook because she wanted to keep track of visitors and students-I felt as important and accomplished writing my name in that notebook as I did when I proudly wrote it during Head Start. Mrs. Bailey had that rare and wonderful effect on others. Heaven has gained an angel. May she sing and rejoice in His presence. Prayers and condolences to the family.

Tammy Griggs Mata - August 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ It's comforting to know that Jaunita will at last be with her beloved Sam for eternity! Heaven better buckle down because she will also be reunited with her "runnin' buddy." Juanita and my mother (Fern Mckinney) were quite a pair in their 80's. They kept the roads hot. Juanita could no longer see to drive, but Mother could (and she drove like the "little old lady from Pasadena"). Juanita was strong enough to load and unload Mother's walker (named Katy) and off they would go!! They called each other every day, just to be sure the other one was still kicking! Juanita was the kindest person I've ever known. She always had to give you something when you visited; I think I still have cookies in the freezer that she insisted I must have!!

Diane McKinney Johnson - August 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ A fine example of a life well lived. She was admired, respected, and loved by so many. What a glorious homecoming she must have had.

Jackie Collins - August 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My loving teacher was Mrs. Reba Logue while my twin sister's loving teacher was Juanita Bailey. These two great teacher touched our lives to this day. I am saddened to learn of Juanita's passing. My plan was to take my sister & go visit her because she was such an inspiration to us. My condolences to all her family & friends .



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Marcia Rivera - August 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ I am saddened by the loss of a lady who was a close friend and colleague of my mother Reba Logue. They were steadfast in their desire to educate children and spent their entire lives following the successes of those students. Teachers like these and many others who spent their careers in the schools of Madison County have been the inspiration for those of us who have chosen this path. Fern, please convey my condolences to the other members of your family. God Bless you and keep you in your time of grief. Mrs. Bailey lived a full life and now has her wings.

Wilma Logue - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ She was a very special lady, My first grade teacher (1970), and she never forgot me in all those years when I saw her on the street. she made a big impression on my life and she will be missed.



rollena bonner - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Bailey was a wonderful teacher who truly cared about her students throughout their lives. She still recognized me when she saw me even as an adult after she taught me in 1976. She will truly be missed. She made a huge impact on hundreds of people throughout her life. I'm sure she is happy tonight as she walks with her loved ones gone on before her and in the presence of our Lord and God. My prayers go out to her family in their time of loss.

Evelene Bible (Haffelder) - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ I'm so glad I got to visit with my Great, great Aunt Juanita this year. Her wonderful stories of her years growing up we're inspiring to us all. She talked about Uncle Sam and how much she missed him. I assured her we will all see him again and she smiled and said yes. I can see her and Uncle Sam smiling right now looking down on us. We will greatly miss Aunt Juanita but we also will see her smiling face one day. My thoughts and prayers are with the rest of my family in this sad time. Love, Rachael "Thomas" Zieske

Rachael Zieske - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Juanita will be missed by more people than most people ever know.

Charlene Bennett - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I really liked Mrs. Bailey and thought a lot of her. She will be missed. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Terry Long - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Our hearts and our prayers go with your family as you celebrate the life of Ms. Juanita. May God grant you comfort.

Gerald and Karla Van Brunt - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To one of the grand ladies of education that the schools in Madison County were privileged to have. She touched the lives of so many, during her career. It was a labor of love for our children. While her and Sam had no children of their own, she said when she retired, she had everyone's children. She was dedicated to each of them. Her job, she well performed, because she loved what she was doing. To you Mrs. Bailey, thank you from all the parents of children you taught, for your love to each child. May your legacy live on thru all the generations that you served with such love. Thank you.



Alvin Herrington - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ So very sorry for the loss of Mrs Bailey she was a wonderful lady she was my first grade teacher 1959 she brought flowers to me went i was 6 and in the hospital She has left an impression on everyone she touched Grateful to have known her.

Donna Miller - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. Losing someone you love is truly difficult and I know Juanita will be missed. Please know our Heavenly Father holds out promises that can help us with our sorrow. One such promise is that death soon will be done away with forever (Revelations 21:4) and another promise is that "there is going to be a resurrection"(Acts 24:15). I pray these promises from God, who cannot lie (Titus 1:2) brings you comfort. For more comfort from the Bible, visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).

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**Janiah Miles** - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ What a beautiful soul! When making rounds, I saved Juanita for my last visit of the day because I would always leave with a smile on my face. A wonderful, classy, sassy, intelligent, God-fearing woman. Heaven's gain is our loss. God's speed, Juanita! We'll see you in an instant!

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**Rob Ernest** - August 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM