



Lillian Henderson

July 25, 1916 - May 7, 2013

Lillian Elaine Wood Henderson, 96, of Wynne, died Tuesday, May 7, 2013 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She was born July 25, 1916 at Hamlin, Arkansas, to Hampton Wood and Emma Prose Wood. She was a lifelong resident of Cross County, except for one year she enjoyed living in Gallipolis, Ohio, hometown of her father, with close relatives. She married Charles Walter Henderson, May 9, 1937. She was a graduate of Arkansas State University, and had taught elementary school at Hamlin, Smith Chapel, Fair Oaks, Wynne, and Hickory Ridge. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Cross County Retired Teachers Association. She was a charter member of Central Methodist Church and was instrumental in establishing a long-term care fund for Union Grove Cemetery. She had attended the annual meeting at Union Grove each Memorial Day every year of her life except for two. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; an infant daughter, Betty Carol; three brothers, Lester Wood, Clarence Wood, and Vernon Wood; three step-brothers, F. M. Freshour, Elmer Elam and Clyde Elam; two stepsisters, Gertrude Dallas and Gail Wise. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda Kay and Dan Dennett of Little Rock, and Sandra and Don Smith of Blytheville; three granddaughters and husbands; Allyson and Brett Williams of Franklin, Tennessee, Elizabeth (Libby) and Charlie Speth of Washington, D. C. and Donna Smith of Fayetteville; four great grandchildren, Lilla Speth, Grace Speth, Lane Tyler Williams and Charles Gray Williams; one sister and brother-in-law, Helen Wood Brawner and Claude Brawner, Jr.. She also leaves

special friends, Bob and Dana Woodworth and Donnie and Linda Peeler, several nieces and nephews and many friends and former students. Services will be Thursday, May 9, at 3 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home in Wynne with visitation proceeding at 2 PM. Burial will be in Union Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Union Grove Cemetery Future Care Fund, c/o Gary Wood, Trustee at 89 CR 128, Hickory Ridge, Arkansas 72347 or Sandra H. Smith, Trustee, P. O. Box 206, Blytheville, Arkansas 72316 or to Central United Methodist Church, c/o Mary Anne Cruthirds at 1050 Cross 156, Wynne, Arkansas 72396.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Mrs. Henderson was my favorite teacher at Hickory Ridge Elem. She was my 4th grade teacher. I know that Heaven has received a wonderful woman.*

Donna Swaby - May 09, 2013 at 11:17 PM

MB

“ *You have been in my thoughts and prayers today as you have celebrated your mom's life. My Aunt Lillian will always hold a special place in my heart, she was one of the kindest people I have ever known. As a child I always enjoyed going to visit her with my grandma and grandpa Dallas. I know she was very special to both my mom and dad.*

Mahala Dallas Burnette - May 09, 2013 at 07:13 PM

WL

“ *Ms.Lillian was my 3,4 & 5 grade teacher at Rolfe school.She was a great lady.*

W.D. Lampkin - May 09, 2013 at 05:25 PM

TW

“ *I will never forget Mrs. Henderson. She was an awesome lady and my fourth grade teacher. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Tisha Woodard - May 09, 2013 at 03:21 PM

TJ

“ Mrs. Henderson was my 4th grade teacher. I will never forget her. We always said the Pledge of Allegiance, sang My Country Tis of Thee, and she always had her Bible with her at church on her desk. She didn't mind referring to a passage of scripture while setting an example for her students. She was a Christian and stood up for what she believed in- God and Country and teaching. Rest In Peace Mrs. Henderson. We will miss you!

Teresa Jones - May 09, 2013 at 12:07 PM

PA

“ My sympathy to the family. Mrs. Henderson was my 4th grade teacher in Hickory Ridge 1968-69. I remember her being very sweet and gentle and I am sure I learned a lot!! As an adult and a Nursing Instructor I have so much respect for those who taught us! I am sure it was no easy task! I pray for peace and comfort during this time of saddness but what a long life she had, what a blessing!

Pam Williams Andrews - May 09, 2013 at 11:03 AM

LC

“ Ms Henderson as we all called her at school was such a dear friend of our Mothers, and we cherish the times with her and the times our mother told of the things which happened during their many years of school together. May God bless and be with you at this time..Always a smile and a cheerful greeting awaited when you walked into her classroom..A life of dedication to helping others better their life.. May she rest in peace..

LARRY A SLOCUM LINDA SLOCUM CARWELL - May 09, 2013 at 10:04 AM

RW

“ My 4th grade school teacher. Such a precious, sweet lady. Rest in Peace.

Rev. Ricky D. Williams - May 08, 2013 at 03:36 PM