



## Minola Ruth Caplena Kennedy

August 19, 1930 - April 20, 2017

Mrs. Minola Ruth Caplena Kennedy of Wynne, died on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at NEA Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Minola was born on August 19, 1930 to Fred and Ruth James Caplena in Hillemann, Arkansas. Minola married Sidney Kennedy in June of 1952. She was a 1954 graduate of Memphis State University. She taught school in Memphis, Tennessee, Clarendon, Moro, Blytheville, Wheatley, Grubbs and Wynne, Arkansas, retiring in 1992. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, retired teachers, UMW and was very involved with the Good Shepherd Center of Wynne. Minola was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wynne.

Survivors are her brother Derin Caplena (Rhonda) of Bella Vista, Arkansas, sons Craig (Charlotte) of Cherry Valley, Arkansas, Eric (Sherrie) of Colt, Arkansas, Ben Nguyen of Ft. Washakie, WY, and Bernard Chen (Chin-Lan) of Springfield, Virginia, daughters Marla M.Kennedy (Jonathan Newman) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Brigitte Bartels (Dr. Troy) of Jonesboro, Arkansas, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 10 AM until 11 AM at the First United Methodist Church with funeral services following at 11 AM. Burial will be in Hunter Cemetery in Hunter, Arkansas.

Memorials may be made to the Wynne First United Methodist Church, Arkansas or the Good Shepherd Center of Wynne, Arkansas, or the Cross County Special Workshop.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Wynne  
800 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396

## Funeral service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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800 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396

## Interment

APR **25** (CT)

Hunter

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ Sorry to hear of her death and I will pray for the family. I remember way back in the 60s when she and her husband owned the little store on the southside of Brinkley. I think it was called Caplena's Grocery Store and I was in there everyday for something, mostly candy. You got a hand full for 5 cents. They were nice people. May she Rest In Peace. Lola Turner Barker.

L. Turner-Barker - April 28, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Minola Ruth Caplena Kennedy.



April 25, 2017 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ Mrs. Kennedy was such a sweet lady. Her daughter Marla and I were classmates and are friends. I know that we gave her fits when we were in high school but she was always so kind and patient. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sandy Sullins - April 25, 2017 at 08:57 AM

EB

“ *Eldridge Brawner lit a candle in memory of Minola Ruth Caplena Kennedy*



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**Eldridge Brawner** - April 24, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Minola Ruth Caplena Kennedy.*



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April 24, 2017 at 09:51 AM

GS

“ *I have known Ms Minola for most of my life and my parents and she and Mr. Sid were in the same Sunday school class for decades. She truly personified a Christian lady with kindness and compassion for all. She was to her Savior, her family and her church where she served in many roles. We wish to extend our deepest condolences and fond remembrance to all of her family. Grace and peace to you all.*

*Greg & Alisa Spence  
Sharon Spence Langley  
Van Spence*

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**Greg Spence** - April 23, 2017 at 11:55 AM

JN

“ 1 file added to the album *Photos and Memories*



Jonathan Newman - April 23, 2017 at 11:29 AM



Jonathan Newman

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Jonathan Newman - April 23, 2017 at 11:22 AM

FP

“ From The Family Of Cheryl Pilcher lit a candle in memory of Minola Ruth Caplena Kennedy



From the family of Cheryl Pilcher - April 21, 2017 at 09:30 PM

TS

“ We are so sorry to hear Mrs. Kennedy has gone home. She was one of the greatest teachers Wynne Schools has ever had and touched the hearts of so many. She was a true and loyal friend and someone I am very proud and blessed to have known. Heaven truly gained a great and beautiful angel when she got called home. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kennedy family in these dark times. Mrs. Kennedy, soar high with the brightest angels, you will never be forgotten. Until we meet again....you will be greatly missed.

Tommy and Betty Allred Immel and sons - April 21, 2017 at 09:28 PM

TD

*Minola and I graduated at Brinkey Hi in 1948. We lived n the same street and I loved her. She had a soft sweet voice and I don`t remember her ever saying a negative thing about anyone. So sorry to hear of her death. Will be praying for her family. Toliece Ferguson Dean.*

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**Toliece Dean** - April 22, 2017 at 06:05 PM

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*Mrs. Minola was a very compassionate, caring person and I thank the Lord for the privilege of knowing her. My heart and prayers go out to her family. May the Lord comfort them and grant them that peace that passes all understanding. Ann Hixon*

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**Ann Hixon** - April 24, 2017 at 05:00 PM