



## Julia Jane Wrather

April 13, 2012

Julia Jane Utterback Wrather, 89, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died Friday, April 13, 2012, at her home. She was born June 18, 1922, in Portageville, Missouri, to James Robert and Emma Swilley Utterback. She and James Odell Wrather were married May 25, 1947, at Portageville Methodist Church. He died January 12, 1996. She graduated from Portageville High School, attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri and graduated from Southeast Missouri State University. She attended graduate school at Northwestern University and Southeast Missouri State University. Jane and Odell moved from Portageville to Oran in 1950. She taught school for several years in Portageville, Wardell, Bell City and at Oran High School. While living in Oran, Jane was the Methodist Church organist and Sunday school teacher for 42 yrs. She was a member of United Methodist Women in Portageville, Oran, and Cape Girardeau. She and Odell moved to Saxony Village in Cape in 1995. She began attending Centenary United Methodist Church in 1996. She was a member of the PEO Sisterhood since 1943 including chapters GU in Portageville, CX in Chaffee and currently Chapter BI in Cape Girardeau. Survivors include: Daughter - Susan Elizabeth (Glenn) Nothdurft, Gordonville, MO; Son - Dr. James Allen (Brenda) Wrather, Portageville, MO; Grandchildren - James Charles (Janis) Wrather, Nixa, MO; Rebecca Elizabeth (Edward) Bodine, Carmel, IN; Sara Jane (Brandon) Pylate, Jackson, MO; Julia Lee (Mark) Baker, Jefferson City, MO; Great Grandchildren - Shelby Gail Wrather, James Aaron Wrather, Evan Michael Bodine, Samantha Elizabeth Bodine,

Emma Jordan Pylate, and Lily Jane Baker She was preceded in death by parents, husband and brothers and sisters in law James and Madge Utterback and Robert & Margaret Utterback Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be at 9:00 AM Monday, April 16, 2012, at Centenary United Methodist Church with the Rev. Karen Nothdurft officiating. Burial will follow at Portageville Cemetery in Portageville, Missouri. Memorial contributions may be given to Zion United Methodist Mission Fund or American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ We all loved Jane here at Saxony Village. She had been a resident here the longest and was well known. She took care of everyone that needed transportation as long as her health permitted. She was really one fine lady.

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**Martha Cairns** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Susan, Glenn, James Allen, and Brenda, Richard and I are so sorry for your loss. I cannot say enough about the kindness of your mother and mother-in-law. She was a wonderful teacher, family friend, and among many other things great seamstress. I still remember the dress she made for me. And I still have the cute infant jacket she sent for Christopher. She was so thoughtful.

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**Richard & Margaret Blackstone** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Susan, Bob sent a copy of your mother's obituary to me via e-mail today. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Oddly, enough I was sharing with some friends and my grown children about your mother and mine instilling the love of literature in me which I appreciate more now than when we were in school. Again my condolences as you go through this. No doubt we will all meet again someday and what a celebration it will be! My prayers are with you. Love, Shauna

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**Shauna Hency Holden** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ To the entire family, my deepest sympathy goes out to you. I know what it's like to lose someone so special. Mrs. Wrather was unforgettable. I had her as an English teacher in high school and truly loved her. She was so down to earth, thoughtful and very patient. Just remember she will always be with you in memory. Janice (Davis) Eller

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**Janice (Davis) Eller** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Mrs. Wrather was a special lady. I loved her as a teacher and I had fun as well as felt that she really cared for me, as her student. She was an elegant lady and a great role model. The community was blessed to have her among them for the time she was here. My prayers and thoughts are with the family, as it is never easy to let go of loved ones.

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**Linda Rhein** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Susan and Allen and families, I am very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I had her for a teacher in High School. She taught English, Literature....(1971-74). I had a lot of respect for her and loved having her as a teacher. Your dad has his "Miss Jane" in Heaven with him now. God bless you all in your time of sorrow. Know that good memories will be with you always.

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**Karen Diebold** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Mrs Wrather was a very dear friend of our family (Roberts) from Oran. I have known her all my life and admired her dearly. She will be missed very much. I aspired to be like her and become an organist. I used to help Grandpa clean the church and would play music while no one was around. Never will be as good as her but she was a great role model. I will always cherish the memories we had together and think of your family when I remember the good times we had. Thanks! Cynthia Alfultis

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**Cynthia Alfultis** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Mrs. Wrather was my family's favorite teacher. She taught my siblings and me, and we all loved her. My mother was also a long-time friend of "Miss Jane," and she thought the world of her. She was more than just a teacher to me, being the mother of my classmate and good friend, Susan. Jane and Odell were almost like second parents during the years we were growing up. Wonderful people, both. Even after all these years, I feel the loss of this intelligent and gentle lady. May God bless her. My most sincere condolences to Susan, Allen, and all the others who loved her.

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**Steve Ruffin** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Susan & Sara I wanted to send my thoughts and prayers as you remember your mother and grandmother today. I know she was an inspiration to all of you and will be missed dearly.

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**Becky Riney** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mrs. Wrather was one of my favorite teachers at OHS. She was a very "special" lady. Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Jolene Felter - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Mrs. Wrather was my favorite teacher of all times. She made learning fun. I'm sure she touched a lot of students. She will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Phyllis Robertson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Mrs. Wrather was such a wonderful influence on so many of us. She was a classy, highly intelligent woman that was respected by all her students. She will remain forever in my heart.

Debbie Bollinger Wiggins - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Julia Jane Wrather

Mr & Mrs Patrick Young & Family - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jane's passing away. We did not know that she was ill. We are unable to come to the funeral because I have recently spent time in the hospital with pneumonia. We will remember her in our prayers Charlotte and Mike McCrate

Charlotte and Michael McCrate - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ WE WANT TO BELIEVE THE WORLD IS UNDERSTANDABLE. THAT LIFE IS FAIR. THAT IF WE'RE CAREFUL ENOUGH, WORK HARD ENOUGH, TRY HARD ENOUGH, WE & THOSE WE LOVE WILL BE SAFE FROM ANYTHING BAD. IT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS HUMANS WRESTLE WITH, WHY THINGS SOMETIMES AREN'T FAIR. BUT EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A NEAT ANSWER TO WHY THINGS HAPPEN, WE DO HAVE OUR FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS. JUST A SIMPLE KIND OF FAITH THAT SOMEHOW, SOMEDAY, SUFFERING WILL END, GOOD WILL ENDURE, PAIN WILL BE FORGOTTEN. MAY IT HELP TO KNOW THAT YOU & YOUR FAMILY ARE THOUGHT OF DURING THIS TIME, & THAT OTHERS SHARE IN YOUR SORROW WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY & HEARTFELT UNDERSTANDING. MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT YOUR LOVED ONE LIVES FOREVER IN THE LORD & IS IN GOD'S CARE. FRIENDS FOREVER, EDDIE & KATHY

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**EDDIE & KATHY SHACKLES** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Dr. Wrath and Mrs. Brenda. Just wanted to let you know that I think of you and your loss a lot. You have so supportive of me and my parents illness. Jsut wanted you to know I will keep you and your family in our prayeres!*

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**Tina Windham Clark** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM