



Lorna Mueller

December 11, 2010

Lorna Ruth Mueller Lorna was born July 27, 1941 in Fredericktown, MO in a house built by her father. She was the daughter of Ralph W. Edwards and Gladys Bollinger Edwards who preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband Thomas Mueller of Cape Girardeau and daughter Melanie and husband Gary Garbs of Florissant, MO and son Brian Hutson and Beth Raden of O'Fallon, MO. Grandchildren Chelsea Garbs and Lucas Garbs of Florissant, MO and Abigail Hutson, Allison and Andrew Raden of O'Fallon, MO. One sister Jane (Bud) Harbin of Mt. Vernon, OH. She was a loving and caring mother, wife, grandmother, and teacher. For 27 years she was a dedicated and compassionate teacher in the Cape Girardeau school district. She was a special educator and fourth grade teacher at Washington and Blanchard schools. Her dedication and compassion toward each child showed. She was active in PTA, Student Council, Drug Team, and Dare Choir at Washington. Her "Little House on the Prairie" meal and program was extremely popular. Children tasted squirrel, rattlesnake, and deer meat for the first time in their lives. Lorna always wanted her children to see and feel history. One of her most proud accomplishments was starting the field trip to Jefferson City to see the state capitol and governor's mansion to see government in work. The walking tour of St. Genevieve showed the children where this state began. Lorna loved history and telling and showing them history. Her Pippy Longstocking outfit set the standard. Her guidance was felt by a number of student teachers during her career. One cannot forget those

big hats she wore to Washington play day. During the summer Lorna would help with the Young Author Camp and writing workshops. She enjoyed meeting and teaching students from the other parochial and public schools in Cape. Lorna was the teacher of the year for Sam's Club. In her retirement years she enjoyed former students coming up to her asking her if she remembered them. Former students who introduced her to their families made her very proud to be a teacher. First Presbyterian Church played a major role in her life. She was active in all aspects. She was a vacation bible school teacher, on the board of the pre-school, deacon, and elder. She helped with the Christmas pageant, property, and fellowship committees. She served for years as a youth leader taking the young adults to Montreat. She served as the clerk of the session and on the pastor church committee. Lorna served on the Interim Pastor Committee of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Her love for her children and grandkids was unstoppable. One could not measure the love for the children or grandchildren and she would show you pictures in a minute. She was involved as a girl scout and cub scout leader. She was involved in her children's PTA and loved watching their involvement in band and sports. She also enjoyed going on picnics, sledding, and traveling with the kids. Lorna enjoyed the grandkids and their involvement in their school activities. Being present at the birth of Abigail brought so much happiness to her life. Lorna was not known for her athletic ability but she enjoyed fishing, skeet shooting, and rafting the Colorado River, where she saved a woman's life. She enjoyed Castor River and nature. To the surprise of many is Lorna's bowling ability. Lorna is in the National Bowling Hall of Fame for her ability to make splits. Her bowling handicap made her popular for the summer ladies league. Traveling was something she loved to do. Traveling always meant history for the kids and grandkids. She enjoyed Holmes County, Ohio, where she and her niece, Holly, were featured on the "Good Morning Cleveland" television show at an Amish farm. Lorna still enjoyed traveling even though she had a run-in with famed "Minnesota Fats" and walking away with that "school teacher look and voice". She was a member of the Mound City National

Cemetary Association. After her retirement from teaching she became involved with Mueller Insurance business. She became an area volunteer coordinator for Heifer International. She along with Tom made several speaking engagements in Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois. Lorna had a knack for flair and always sparkled. She enjoyed shopping and antiquing. She loved helping people. Her personality was radiant. She enjoyed making people laugh and her heart was as big as all of the outdoors. Visitation will be Monday, December 13, 2010 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau, MO. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Bill Vincent officiating. Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to First Presbyterian Church, Heifer International, Southeast Hospital Meals on Wheel, Fish Pantry or Charity of Choice. Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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Mr Wanker Amuller - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I just learned today of Mrs. Mueller's passing from a friend who was also a student of hers. My sympathies to her family. I remember Mrs. Mueller quite well from my time as a student at Washington Elementary. She was a great person & teacher & never failed to make you laugh. She will be remembered always by me as a wonderful person who helped me through the awkward 4th grade period.

Tisha Hendershott - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Tom, I am so sorry about your lose. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Susie

Susie Pickett O'Connell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Hello, I'm Mike Francis. I was a student of Mrs. Mueller's at Washington back in 86-87. Mrs. Mueller's 4th grade stands out from the rest. My friend, Patrick, and I always reminisce about her class. How someone got in trouble, we got our names on the board, or something that we got tickled about and you always knew when to straighten up. She would lower them eyeglasses and look at you and you knew to cool it. She took care of us and taught us alot. I have so many memories of her class and that school. I even remember Brian & Tim watching us on recess. I hated to see Washington being torn down. My ten year old son, Philip, who belongs to Boy Scout Troop 4, and I went and got some bricks. I was telling him about all the great memories I had from that school and my classes. But none compares to hers. I'm so sad that Washington school and Mrs. Mueller are gone. But they will always be in my heart. Mike Francis

Michael Francis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I remember Lorna fondly from years of service with the PTA, first at Washington and later at Blanchard School. I had the privilege to help take care of Lorna at Southeast Hospital, in my "paying" job as a nurse. Both my children, Andy and Nina, remember Mrs. Mueller well. She was an outspoken and dedicated teacher. Our condolences!

Erika Scheibe - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Melody, I am thinking about you and your family during the loss of your mother. Remembering the days you spent in my classroom as a student teacher and talking with Lorna on the phone bring many special memories. May God be with you in the days ahead. Blessings, Jean Norman

Jean Norman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Tom, I just read about Ms. Lorna. I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a remarkable lady and I feel so blessed that I got to know her. I always enjoyed our talks in the lobby of the Chateau when she was visiting her mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kelly Richardson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ The Dockery/Johnson Family are so sorry to hear of Mrs. Lorna's death..She was such a beautiful person; inside and out...Washington School had one of the best teachers there was...she was so dedicated and creative in her teachings..Mr. Tom and Family our prayers are with you.

Benny and Genetha Johnson and The Dockery Family - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Tom and family, Pam and I are praying for you. Please know you are thought of and love. Troy and Pam

Troy and Pam Strom, Sr. - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mrs Mueller was one of my favorite teachers at Washington Elementary. I loved how she taught and how she dressed. I have so many fond memories, one I will always remember when we read the book "Little House on the Praire" and we actually dressed up and had a feast and the news station came and I was on tv frying rabbit. We thought we was celebrities. Also Mr Tom I remember when you and my dad always made the popcorn at our play day. Thank you Mrs. Mueller for being the best, I will keep you all in my prayers.

Carmelia Hudson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Tom - I am so sorry to hear of Lorna's death! I taught with her at Washington Elementary and always marveled at her energy, enthusiasm and dedication to her students, children and grandchildren! I'm sure she will be sorely missed.

Ann Cunningham - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Mrs. Mueller was my 4th grade teacher in Washington elementary. I will always remember her flair and passion for us children. She will be truly missed. I know she is in a better place now. Mrs. Mueller, thank you for the knowledge you gave me. It will never be forgotten.

Travis Sheppard - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Tom, Melody & Brian: So very sorry to hear of Lorna's death. She was very special to me. We certainly shared some laughs during the time I was able to sew for her. Please know that you all are in my prayers and thoughts at this time. I am unable to attend the wake or funeral. Shirley Bisher

Shirley Bisher - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Lorna was a wonderful teacher and quite devoted to First Presbyterian Church. She will be missed!

Susan Hekmat - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM