



Maxine Wells Shell

November 5, 2012

Maxine Wells Shell, 93, a resident of Cape Girardeau, passed away Monday, November 5, 2012 at her home. She was born January 25, 1919 in Greenbrier, Missouri to the late W. G. and Ada B. (Lloyd) Cato. Maxine was a third grade teacher at Alma Schrader for 24 years, a member of Covenant Christian Center in Fruitland and a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa Retired Teachers Association. She is survived by a son, Kent (Phyllis) Wells of Jackson, MO; daughter, Lisa (S. Jay) Santi of Marble Hill, MO; step-sons, Bob (Dottie) Shell of Bowling Green, KY and Rodney (Gloria) Shell of Morehouse, MO; three grandchildren, Nicole, Jessica and Samuel Santi; six step-grandchildren, Adam Lorenz, Amy Lorenz-Moser, Stacey Miller, Sara Shell, Candy Gibson and Justin Shell; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Maxine was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Webster Eli Wells in 1958; second husband, Leon Albert Shell in 1994; four brothers and three sisters. Visitation will be Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until noon at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at noon at the funeral home with Pastor Terry Culberson officiating. Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park and Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Dear family of Maxine, I taught with Maxine at Alma Schrader from 1980 until she retired. She was such a good role model for me as I was a beginning teacher at the time. I was sorry to hear the news of her passing. You have my deepest sympathy. Mrs. Denise Glastetter

Denise Glastetter - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Kent, We are so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a precious person. We know how difficult it is to loose a mother but know, as we do, that she is standing firm and graciously next to God and has joined his angles in holy eternety. She await us there and is smiling on her legacy here on earth. Be strong for her and know we are here for you if and when you need us.

Glenn and Linda - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mrs. Wells was one of my favorite teachers. Her love of teaching and compassion for each student was evident. She made each of us feel special. I've thought of her throughout the years and what a positive impact she had on my life. I still hang a special small bell on my Christmas tree each year that she gave to every third grade class member and remember her fondly. What a lovely woman and teacher. I know she will be greatly missed. And to Lisa. Mrs. Wells, as she was know at that time, relayed a story to our class about when you went missing as a very young girl because you saw a "pretty" in the sky and set off to get it. The pretty was the moon. I'll never forget Mrs. Wells Shell.

Connie Wills McCarthy - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was a student of Mrs. Shell during the 1982-1983 school year. I remember her fondly and have thought of her often. She was always so nice and caring. I will never forget her cutting our story time short almost daily because she couldn't get through *Old Yeller* or *Where the Red fern Grows* without crying. Please know that she left a lasting mark deep in the hearts of so many of us. God Bless You.

Jayne (Jauch) Hollensbe - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My condolences to your family. I was a student at Alma Schrader when Mrs. Shell taught there some 30 years ago. I never had her as a teacher but remember seeing her smiling face in the hallways.

Leigh (Underwood) Thorne - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. I did not know Ms. Shell personally, however I do know the pain of losing someone as special as a mom. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM