



Mildred Beard Wertz

January 22, 2012

Mildred Beard Wertz, 95, of Cape Girardeau, MO, died Sunday, January 22, 2012 in her home after a long, courageous battle with illness. Her loving granddaughter stood beside her until she could fight no more. She was born September 19, 1916 in Cape Girardeau, MO to the late William Wallace and Mary Mildred (Rector) Beard. Mildred married Ray Cash Fee, the love of her life on April 20, 1941, who lost his life on April 18, 1945 serving in the U.S. Army in Germany during WWII. She later married Naval Officer Francis D. Wertz. Mildred built a successful career in education beginning in Cape at Washington School from 1937-1941, and then taught in Belton, TX; Norfolk, NE; at Penn State University; in Maryland and in Norfolk, VA. While in Norfolk, VA, she developed and served as Advisor for the Speech Therapy Program for the Norfolk City Public Schools. She finished her career as a University Professor at Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University, both in Norfolk, VA. One of her greatest achievements was serving as the 10th President of the Speech, Hearing and Language Association of Virginia. She was a member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution and choir member of the Centenary United Methodist Church. Mildred is survived by a daughter, Mary Frances King of Chesapeake, VA; two grandchildren, Michelle Mordica Thomas of Cape Girardeau, MO and Tommy King of Chesapeake, VA; sisters-in-law Juliene Beard of Cape Girardeau and Peggy Beard of St. Louis; nephews Don and Dan Beard of Cape Girardeau; nephew Robbie Beard of TX; nieces Susan and Barbara Beard of St. Louis and each of their

respective families; plus hundreds who were inspired by her and adored her. She was preceded in death by her parents along with two brothers, William (Bill) and Robert (Bob) Beard, both of Cape Girardeau. A graveside service will held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 27, 2012 at Cape County Memorial Park with Rev. Wayne Schwiesow officiating.

Tribute Wall

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“ My bonus grandma- i will remember you fondly and always with a smile on my face. I hope you look down from heaven upon us, with a smile upon yours. I hope we made you proud. You were a beacon of light when things were difficult. You never judged, just offered an ear to listen. I hope you can hear me now say i love you and you will be missed. May your beacon always shine bright so our prayers will find you.

Missy Cannon - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Such an honor to have know you and to have called you my friend. I will cherish every minute we spent talking to each other. You are an American Hero in my life and to everyone you touched in my family. You are in my heart today, tomorrow and forever. God you have a wonderful person in your arms hold her tight. All my love. Pennie*

Pennie Bartlett - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM