



## William C. Hoover

May 28, 2012

William Cecil "Bill" Hoover, 85, died Monday, May 28, 2012, at his home in Jackson. He was born Nov. 3, 1926, in Stuttgart, Ark., to Harley Arthur and Zelma Lee Thomas Hoover. He and Jo Ruth Brewer were married in 1950. She preceded him in death. Survivors include a brother, Don Taylor Hoover (Charlie Lou) of San Antonio; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Brewer Brashears (Don) of Benton, Ark.; two nephews, Don T. Hoover Jr. (Martha) of Houston, Clay Brashears (Sharon) of Benton; three nieces, Judy Hoover (Richard) of San Antonio, Julie Brashears Harkrider (Cary) of Tulsa, Okla., Amy Brashears Vrana (Stanley) of Benton. Bill received his early education in the Stuttgart area where he also developed a love for music and athletics. His music experience there included playing the baritone in grades seven through 12, culminating with his serving as student band director his senior year. On the football field he played left end for Stuttgart High School and made the all-state team his senior year. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Bill returned to Arkansas to pursue a degree in education from the University of Central Arkansas. There he met the love of his life, Jo Ruth Brewer, and married her shortly after receiving his bachelor's degree. He served schools for the next 20 years as teacher, principal and superintendent. He earned a master's degree in 1954 at the University of Arkansas. Jo Ruth and Bill moved to Missouri in the early 1970s where they continued their teaching careers. Bill had earned his doctor of education degree during this time and ultimately became a full professor at Southeast Missouri State University, from where he

retired. He was an active member of Abbey Road Christian Church many years. A special mention needs to be made of his treasured companion, Linda Sanders. She was his best friend and is appreciated very much by his family. She added a quality of life for him that cannot be easily measured. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 1, 2012 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Rodger Kiepe officiating. Interment will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60604.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dr. Hoover was such a warm and engaging professor, who knew how to really connect with his students. I remember encountering him several years after I'd graduated, and he remembered my name and greeted me with a hug; I was quite impressed by that.

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**Laura Davis** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ What a wonderful friend and Husband to one of my best friends. I am devastated to hear of his passing, Bill called me on the 15th of May this year and indicated he had some problems but don't worry I am much better and hope to see you soon. Bennie & I both will miss his smiling face, friendship and his love. God bless this great man.

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**Bill Ed & Bennie Gladden** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dr. Hoover was one of my most memorable professors. He was so entertaining and knowledgeable. I will always remember him fondly and with great respect. Dixie Crites

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**Dixie Crites** - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ I went to college with Bill and taught with him at Crossett, Arkansas and thought a great deal of him. Please give his family my condolences and let them know my thoughts and prayers are with them. Henry Turner

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**Henry Turner** - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dr. Hoover is a big piece of the puzzle of who I am today. Although I knew that I always wanted to be a teacher, he was one of the teachers that touched my life at Southeast Missouri State University! I also had the pleasure of knowing Jo, while attending First Christian Church. I am saddened for the family because I know he will be very missed...but believe with all my heart that it is really "See you later".

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**Ellen (Phillips) Holford** - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sad to learn of Bill's death. He was a great teacher and friend over these last 30 years. I worked with him at the University and enjoyed his friendship and laughter.

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**Jane Cooper Stacy** - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM