



Mrs. Mary Ruth Wesson Walden

May 15, 1926 - December 30, 2020

Mary Ruth Wesson Walden of Alexander City, 94, passed away on December 30, 2020 at Chapman's Nursing Home after struggling with COVID for over a month. As per COVID guidelines, her family held a very small private graveside service at Alexander City Cemetery. Her family plans to hold a memorial service at a later date.

Mary was born May 15, 1926 in Alexander City, Alabama to Robert Wesson and Docie Goss Wesson. Mary graduated high school from Alexander City High School. Then, she graduated with her Bachelor's Degree from The University of Montevallo (Alabama Women's College) and later received her Master's Degree from Auburn University. She married Rufus Knowles Walden, of Headland, Alabama, and they had three children, Elizabeth (Beth) Walden Shaw, Dianna Ruth Walden, and Steven Knowles Walden, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Walden began her teaching career in Talladega County at Jonesview Elementary School, and she continued her career at Lincoln Elementary School, and later at Woodford Avenue School. Then, she came home to Tallapoosa County and taught at New Site School. She completed her career with many years at Dadeville Elementary School, making lifelong friends throughout her teaching journey. Mrs. Walden found joy in her teaching career, and she loved all of her students very much. She searched for the good in every person. She always prided herself on being able to recall all of her students' names. Teaching was her passion, and she inspired many family members and friends to become teachers, themselves.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Beth Shaw and Dianna Ruth Walden; her granddaughters, Autumn Walden White (Joey) and Maribeth Farr (Justin); her great-grandchildren, Anna Shaw, Marlo White, Phoebe White, Liza White, Tommy Farr, and Hollieanna Farr; a special niece, Marilyn Kelly (Leon) and their sons, Bragg Kelly and Wesson Kelly, as well as a special nephew, Charles Gardner; a sister-in-law, Jackie Wesson; a loving family from Headland, Alabama; and a multitude of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and students. Her Headland family was very special and close

to her heart.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Vicky Walden; her grandson, David Lee Shaw; her sister, Myrtle Wesson Gardner; and her brothers, Robert Wesson and Rupert Wesson, Jr. Mary was fortunate to have loving caregivers, Eureka Moon and Claudette Whetstone. The family would like to extend special thanks to these ladies, as well as the entire staffs at Lake Martin Home Health, SouthernCare Hospice, and Chapman's Nursing Home for their loving care.

Mary enjoyed laughing and telling jokes to all around her. She had a great sense of humor and enjoyed life to the fullest. Music also gave her great pleasure in life, and she enjoyed singing old Irish songs with her family and square dancing. Spending time with children brought her immense joy. Mary had a gentle and caring nature, and she relished loving on all babies. Her faith in Christ sustained her throughout her life, and she was an active member of Flint Hill Methodist Church. She was GA Leader, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School for a majority of her life, and enjoyed studying the Holy Bible. Mary's enthusiasm for life, that she so freely shared with others, was appreciated and will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved her.

Tax-deductible memorial contributions may be made to:

Tallapoosa County Board of Education

C/O Mary Walden Memorial Fund

679 East Columbus Street

Dadeville, Alabama 36853

Cemetery

Alexander City Cemetery

Alexander City, AL, 35010

Comments



“ What a Blessing know Ms Mary, and all the special times we shared at home & church, with she & the family, such a dear, special lady. Thinking of all the family, Lifting all in our prayers, Group Hug from Bro. Jerry, Rita & family. "Earth Hath No Sorrows that Heaven can not Heal".

Bro. Jerry & Rita Wheelles - January 04 at 06:38 PM



“ Loved Mary to death. She was such a sweet friend! She will be missed.

Gail Zeanah - January 03 at 11:57 AM



“ Dugg, David and Jenna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary Ruth Wesson Walden.



Dugg, David and Jenna - January 01 at 01:46 PM



“ Brenda Grogan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Wesson Walden



Brenda Grogan - January 01 at 11:05 AM



“ I Am So Sorry...Kathy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Wesson Walden



I am so sorry...Kathy Brown - December 31, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ Beth and Dianna,
I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet, sweet mother. She was such a caring and sweet woman! I remember walking into her 6th grade class, 43 years ago (wow!) and she had both of her chalkboards filled with math problems. She asked us to complete the ones on the front board. We diligently went to work. After about 15 minutes, she asked if anyone noticed anything in the room that would help us with the assignment. As we looked around, we noticed the problems on the side board were the exact same problems, with the answers! She went on to teach us that day to always be aware of our surroundings. I still remember that to this day, again, 43 years later! By the way, she never put the answers on the board again and we checked everyday! She was one of my favorite teachers! When I would run into her from time to time, she never forgot me and I will never forget her! I wish you all peace and comfort during your season of grief!

Beverly Pearson Price
Dadeville High School
Class of 1984

Beverly Price - December 31, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ Martha Jordan Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Wesson Walden



Martha Jordan Scott - December 31, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Kathy Cowart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Wesson Walden



Kathy Cowart - December 31, 2020 at 05:56 PM