



Lorene R.

September 7, 1912 - August 13, 2013

Lorene Rebecca May of Waldron, Arkansas went to be with her Lord and Savior, Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in Waldron, Arkansas surrounded by her loving family. Ms. May was born September 7, 1912 in Hodgen, Oklahoma to Lester Hall and Mary J. (Crutchfield) Hall. Ms. May was 100 years, 11 months and 6 days old. She was a life long member of the Waldron First Baptist Church. She was not only a member of the choir, but also served as a Sunday School Teacher for forty plus years, sharing her faith with others. Living daily by her strong faith, Ms. May set a high standard for everyone she came in contact with. Ms. May began her life learning early how to conquer adversity by overcoming difficult situations and flourishing. Losing her father at only 18 months old her mother instilled in her hard work, faith in God and setting personal goals and obtaining them. Ms. May grew up around the Waldron area. She graduated from Waldron High School wearing the crown of WHS first Homecoming Queen?. She entered into Oklahoma Baptist University at the young age of 17 with a career in teaching to begin after only 1 ½ years of college. She later received her Bachelors in Education. She has helped many students and touched even more lives, throughout her 45 years as a teacher. Ms. May married the love of her life, Maurice Pete May and together they had two children. After Pete's passing at the age of 37 she was faced with raising her children on her own. Ms. May remembered seeing her mother in this same situation and followed in her footsteps, never to complain. With the help of her mother, Ms. May not only raised her own two children, but when

her sister passed, she took in and raised her children as well as another niece. With her love and zeal for life, Ms. May lived each day to the fullest. With her sights set high, she was actively involved in many civic organizations, she was a world traveler and she developed and organized what is now known as the "Coffee for Cancer". With the help of some friends, Ms. May would open her home and invite the public in for coffee and snacks to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Ms. May frequently visited the annual Waldron High School Reunions and was voted the oldest alumni in attendance. With strong family ties and the blessings of her children and grandchildren, Ms. May would host Sunday dinners at her home, cooking for and serving as many as 15-20 people and there was always room for more. A testimony to her kind spirit and sweet disposition and love of people. Ms. May leaves behind to cherish her memory, one daughter, Marion May Ward and one son, Robert May and wife Bonnie, all of Waldron, Arkansas. Maw maw will forever be missed by five grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. Ms. May will be missed by all that knew her and the many whose lives were impacted by her including her many extended family members, friends, former students and loved ones. Ms. May is preceded in death by her husband, Maurice "Pete" May, her parents, Lester and Mary Hall, one sister, Melva Walker and one brother, Clyde Hall, one son in law, Johnny Ward and two grandsons, Steve Ward and Jamie May. Ms. May's life celebration will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2013 at the Waldron First Baptist Church in Waldron, Arkansas with Rev. Paul Walker and Rev. Collin Lane officiating. Interment will follow in the Duncan Cemetery in Waldron, Arkansas. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas. Ms. May's pallbearers will be grandsons and great grandsons. Ms. May's visitation will be Friday, August 16, 2013 from 11:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas where Ms. May's family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Sorry to learn of Mrs. May's passing. She was a really nice lady. Although she wasn't one of my school teachers, I remember her well, not only from school, but from church also. She will always be remembered as one of the great elementary teachers at Waldron Public Schools.

Wade Sherrill

Lloyd Wade Sherrill - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all, and you have my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Darla Dozier - August 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To all the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Larry & Deloras Horn - August 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ All Our Thoughts and deepest prayers with Love.

Richie & Nettie King - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Marion and family so sorry for your loss. Thinking of your entire family during this time of sorrow. We will keep you in our prayers.

Terry,Susan ,Brenden & Braxten Beaty - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Thinking of your family during this time of sorrow.

Johnny & Linda Barnett - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Lorene was a wonderful lady. She tutored my daughter and will be forever missed.

Gwen Vaughn - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OT

“ Mariam Marie and the rest of the family of my beloved friend, Mrs. May. I didn't have her as a teacher, but she was my principle at Hon and we had so much fun growing those green beans that she said she hoped to never see another one. I visited her this June and she was the same lovely lady. She said, "Come in Ocie Faye, sit down and tell me what you've been doing for the past couple of years." She wrote me letters often and I will so miss those. I have never met a more lovely, warm and caring lady and I will miss her very much. God Bless you and your families.

Ocie Faye Tull Tinder - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Marion & family:
I am so glad I had the opportunity to visit with Mrs. May this summer. Her life is a testimony to true love of God, fellow man and life. We shall always remember her big heart.
May your hearts be filled with the peace of God. Glenn & Kathy

Glenn and Kathy Chicoine - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I'm going to miss you sweet lady, I love you but we will meet again one day.

Doris (Barto) Graves - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Our hearts and prayers are with the family. Thank you for sharing her with so many. She will be missed.

Joe and Virginia Tustison - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May you find comfort in knowing what a gift it was to have had your mother all these years. She was indeed a special person.

Jonnie S. (Crutchfield) Harris - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Miss May will surely be missed, she has been around all my life, even taught me in school, she was a fine lady. My sympathy goes out to the family.

BILL Iuttrell - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of your great loss. Mrs. May is a wonderful person. So happy you got to have her for many wonderful years.

David and Janice Parsley

Janice Morris Parsley - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To all the family..... You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Houston Culpepper - August 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Very special person who will be missed greatly*

Mike Walker - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Ms. May was my teacher when I was in the 7th or 8th grade. She was the director/sponsor of our class play "Sadie Shaw of Arkansas". On the night of the play, she came to my home and picked me up. She brought one of her dresses, and some flour for my hair (to make it gray), so I could dress for my part. She was one of my favorite teachers. My sympathy to Ms. Mays' family.*

Rosemary (Beyard) Perkins - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *Marion and family,
Ms. May had such a sweet spirit and a servant's heart, and has been such a blessing to so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Terri Varner - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Marion, I remember your sweet mother so well. It was the highlight of my summers to come and spend time in the summers with Grandmother and Aunt Olga. One of the earliest memories is of seeing your mother and Aunt Olga singing in FBC's choir! Your mother was a precious lady! What a legacy she has left in her sweet family. My family is praying for yours and is asking the Lord Jesus to comfort you all.*

*Jamie Vaughn
(Lou Ann Crutchfield Brewer's daughter)*

Jamie Vaughn - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our prays go out to Ms May's famly. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Gary Sanders - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Truly, this is the end of an era. Mrs. May was Waldron's living, walking history. We should have spent more time gleaning her memories and knowledge of the area, but she was so busy living in the present it would have been hard to pin her down for very long.

What a privilege it has been to serve with her, along with Dorothy and Herman Jones and Marion on the WHS Alumni Board and Reunion Committee for all these years. If Mrs. May appointed you to a job then you stayed with it until she released you from the obligation. Well, she never released some of us and it has occurred to me, although I had not realized it before, these were lifetime appointments.

What a heritage she has blessed each of her descendants with and in a very real sense, all of Waldron/Scott County has shared the blessing. Thanks be to God for this Christian woman.

Keith Holleman - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ What a blessing Mrs. May was to our family. She became Dalton's tutor after his struggles with K-1. When he started 2nd grade his teacher was Ms. Hale and then after school Dalton would go to Mrs. May's. With her help he made the honor roll that year and we have always been so grateful to her for taking time for him. I remember picking him up one day and he had been acting up and so Mrs. May said she just stopped the tutoring and they sat at the kitchen table just looking at each other until I came. I apologized to Mrs. May and when we got home Mark had a "talking" with Dalton. After that, Dalton would always try to pick out a special coffee cup for her. She never had any more trouble making him mind. She was a special lady who gave back so much to her community and I know she is in very good company. Love and prayers to her family...

Mark, Stacy and Dalton Standridge - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ When I was growing up, so many good times were had at Lorene May's house. Marion Marie and I were in a group of friends who spent alot of time together. Good memories. Lorene was a great mother and a great friend. I know her family will miss her so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ronald and Becky (Rackley) Gardner - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ May your many precious memories of this very special lady be a comfort to you during this difficult time.

Neal and Paula Sparks - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our love and prayers are with Lorene's family. It has been a great pleasure knowing such a wonderful person. Her zest for life, her love of travel and always helping her community and beloved church. You are an inspiration to so many. Haley Smoot so admires and loves you too. You will be so missed neighbor.

Bob and Nancy Smoot - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ My deepest sympathy in the loss of this great lady. She will missed by all.

Linda Goodner - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Miss May, you are the epitome of womanhood. You are what we should strive to be. I know you have touched and affected the lives of so many for the good. God keep you near Him and bless you and your family, I love you, Mary

Marianne - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Ms. May was not only one of my favorite teachers in the 8th grade, but as I became an adult I was involved in several business activities with her. She was always a joy to be with and you could always learn something worthwhile from her.
God Bless the entire May family today and the days ahead.

Jerry & Judy Montgomery - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ My sincere sympathy to all of the family. Mrs. May was a true lady.
Christine Lees LSW/ADC

Christine Lees - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Marion, Robert, and family,
You are all in our prayers at this time. Ms. May left such a wonderful
legacy!

Amber (Moody) Bartlett - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Thinking of you all at this time.

Ann Bingham - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Family you are in my thoughts and prayers

Mary Moody-Pendergraft - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Lorene R.

MARY MOODY-PENDERGRAFT - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Marion, Robert, and families; your mom & grandma was truly a
remarkable lady. I have some very fond memories of her; not only
from having her as a teacher, but also being a member of my "relay
family". She will truly be missed by everyone who new her.

Pam Davis - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I come to know Lorene this last year and half through the Rocketts. She was a great lady and a true Christian woman. Even through the trials she had she always wss firm in her faith. My prayers are with the family and friends.

Leeann Forrest - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ Thoughts & prayers are with Robert & Mary Marie and this family who I have come to know through my sister & brother-in-law, Barb & Gerald Brown. I have had the opportunity to visit Mrs May a few times (with them) and she was a special, sweet. lady. She always made her guests feel very welcome. I loved to hear her interesting stories. She will be missed, but heaven is brighter today.

Sharon Simpson (Sissy) - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OL

“ Marion Marie and the rest of Lorene?s family, my condolences in the loss of this lovely lady who influenced so many lives for so many years. Her energy, determination and ability to make things happen motivated and encouraged those around her. She wore a ?lot of hats? and wore them all well. Love, Oleta

Oleta Goodner Lewis - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Churchill Family - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ With deepest sympathy.

Waldron Nursing Center Residents and Staff - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Truly loved this woman, and our girls thought she was the best, and always loved getting cards from her. She will be missed by everyone, prayers for the family.

Love Scott & Sheri Thompson and family

sheri thompson - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM