



Mrs. Mary L. Forehand

November 2, 1915 - January 4, 2019

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary L. Forehand 103, of Cochran, who died Friday, January 4, 2019 at Royal Care in Cochran, will be held Monday, January 7, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Cochran United Methodist Church with Dr. Bill Woodson officiating. The family will visit friends and family following the service in the church. Burial will be private in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mary Lancaster Forehand, was born November 2, 1915 in Pulaski County the daughter of the late Omar J. Lancaster and Hattie M. Lancaster both of Cochran. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Forehand and two brothers - Omar J. Lancaster, Jr. and Philip T. Lancaster. She is survived by a son- Jack J. (Jane) Forehand of Durham, NC, two grandchildren- Joseph Phillip (Anne) Forehand of Parker, Colorado and Mary F. (Rob) Douglass of Chapel Hill, NC and three great-grandchildren.

Mary graduated as Valedictorian of Cochran High School in 1934 then attended Middle Georgia College. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women in 1938 and later received her M.Ed. from George Peabody College, Nashville, TN in 1950.

'Miss Mary' was a passionate lifelong educator. Her teaching career began in 1938 in Gay, Georgia, then Richland, Georgia, where she was also school principal during the war years. After returning to Cochran in 1945, she taught high school history, english, grammar and literature. She had the distinction of being the first STAR teacher for Cochran High in 1959. Mary later taught grammar and literature at Middle Georgia College until her retirement in 1972. She was honored by having a school annual dedicated to her on three occasions. Even after retirement, she continued educating by teaching Sunday school, organizing children's music activities at her church, and reading stories to the residents at Royal Care Retirement Center.

Mary was an active member of the Cochran First United Methodist Church serving in many leadership capacities. She also sang in the choir and played piano and organ. Her civic activities included the Cochran Woman's Club, the Garden Club and the United

Methodist Women. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma honor society of women educators and a member of the Hawkinsville Chapter of the D.A.R. for over 50 years.

Music, art, flowers and all of nature gave her pleasure.

Flowers are accepted and/or memorials may be made to Cochran First United Methodist Church, PO Box 87, Cochran, GA 31014.

The Family is at the Forehand residence on Kathy Drive in Cochran.

Events

JAN **Service** 02:00PM

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Cochran United Methodist Church
119 E Dykes Street, Cochran, GA, US, 31014

Comments



“ What a joy and delight Miss Mary was to me thru the years I worked at Royal Care. I was not privileged to have had as a teacher in my younger years but she certainly taught me so much at each visit. Her love of sharing God's love was unending. We loved singing our songs together, especially John Denver. I am so thankful that the last day I visited her she was still able to sing our special song, "Enjoy yourself" and give me that last little wink and so very thankful that "Jackie" (as she loved calling him) and his wife were there to hear it too. Thank you Miss Mary for all the smiles and love. I will miss you.

Becky Woods - January 08 at 04:25 PM



“ Mrs. Mary taught me English and Literature in the 10th and 12th grades. She could make a story or poem come alive!! She was a dedicated teacher and my favorite. I was so blessed to have had her for my teacher.

Martha "Margie" Stroup Connell

Martha Connell - January 07 at 05:13 PM



“ Miss Mary's in-laws Daniel Morgan Forehand and Rosa Jones Forehand lived across the street from us on Violet Street. Our house number was 110; theirs was 111. Daniel Morgan was clerk of Bleckley Superior Court and a first cousin to our granddaddy Lonnie Berryhill. When Jack and Mary married about 1952, they were the toast of Cochran and the Methodist church where both served all their days. Miss Mary taught me English all four years of high school She coached our debate team (Ben Brodhead, Jr. and Wrella Horne Purser for Affirmative and Gay Dennard Kirkpatrick and me for the Negative) We won the Sixth District in Milledgeville at the literary meet.

When I got to Tulane University in 1960, my advisor said I needed a life work that dealt with the "printed word." Hence the study of Law and History leading to 47 years of law practice On the first Monday in October, 1993, I appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States and before the Court began, I thought about those In addition to my parents who were instrumental in my being there. Mary Forehand, my English teacher, and Mary McWhorter, came to mind.

On her 100th birthday, I was suffering from my first cancer, but I went to the party wearing a pair of red polo pajamas (no time for modesty) and extended my congratulations.

I shall always treasure the memory of Mary Forehand. Her thoughts were always noble and uplifting. She held herself and others to the highest standard of truth,

honesty, and good report. With high regard, Lonnie Barlow (class of 1960) .

Lonnie Barlow - January 06 at 08:11 PM



“ Mary was my nieghbor and very best friend and I will miss her dearly.

Marlene Arnold

Alana Abbott - January 06 at 12:44 PM



“ Jackie so sorry for the loss of your Mother and what a great life she led....did just great with you...may she rest easy my ole friend and you will keep her in your heart for ever and be with you always!!!

Joe Alligood - January 06 at 03:18 AM



“ She was one of my most memorable teachers! And, I graduated from college! I will always remember her in literature class in the 10th grade when she was reading MacBeth to our class. She would really act out the part by saying "double, double, toil and trouble and then do that funny witch laugh!! It would always make us kids jump! But, she was so funny doing it.

My friends that visited her, especially Freida Yearty, told me that she loved to talk about the past and loved having visitors. Freida visited her as long as her health permitted.

I remember her teaching us our senior song for graduation. I don't remember the name of the song but if I heard it I would remember the tune. She was such a good pianist. And, I heard that she played the organ at the Methodist Church in later years as well.

Sing and play on in heaven for the angels Mrs. Forehand! We all loved you and thank you for all that you taught so many of us over the years!

May God be with her son Jack and all the family at this sad time.

Dorothy DeFore Glisson
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Dorothy Glisson - January 05 at 11:21 AM



“ When my daddy drove me to school we often passed Miss Mary Lancaster walking to Cochran High School where she taught English and Literature ! She was and always will be my favorite teacher! I will always love and treasure her memories !! She contributed much to Cochran High School and Middle Georgia College ! Prayers for her memory!!! Jo Sharon

Sharon Williams - January 05 at 08:16 AM



“ Van Chambers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Forehand



van chambers - January 05 at 12:50 AM