



Mary Helen Russell

October 11, 2014

Mary Helen Russell, of Hueytown, AL passed away Saturday, October 11, 2014. She walked through the valley of the shadow of death without fear, and into the house of the Lord where she shall live forever. Mary Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Ellis Clay and Florence Aders Russell and her brother, Ellis Jack Russell. She leaves behind eleven cousins, a host of friends and her beloved cats, Monkey, Sugar, Hershey and Shadow. Mary Helen graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and began a teaching career that spanned 43 years. She was an avid and active fan of the Crimson Tide. She was a resident of Hueytown, Alabama her entire life where she participated in many community services as well as volunteering at Self Nursing Home in Hueytown. She loved animals and was a member of PETA and other charitable organizations. Mary Helen was a long time member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church of Hueytown, where she served in various aspects of her church. Funeral services will be Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home with burial at Kimbrell Cemetery in McCalla. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to The American Cancer Society or Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ My *THOUGHTS* and *PRAYERS* go out to your family. She was a *WONDERFUL* person. She will be missed but not forgotten. *GOD BLESS ALL* of YOU.

Paula Mullinax Galloway - October 14, 2014 at 07:09 PM

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“ I was visiting home last week, and Ms. Russell crossed my mind! I would always think of how she was by far one of the best teachers I ever had at Hueytown Elementary. She helped me start taking life and school more serious in 3rd grade, which led to me being the man I am today. To this day, I still remember that the amaryllis flower was her favorite plant. To the sweetest teacher I ever had, may you have the sweet rest you deserve, for the time you have labored down here on earth. God has called his beautiful angel back home.

Robert Hubbard, III - October 14, 2014 at 03:54 PM

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“ Mary Helen was a pleasure to grow up with and to see on almost all my return trips to Hueytown. I remember her as being smart, gentle, and kind. I grieve her loss too soon.

Paul Hayes - October 14, 2014 at 09:26 AM