



Betty Ruth Merrick

August 16, 1925 - September 22, 2014

Betty Ruth Merrick, age 89, of Monroe, Louisiana, formerly of Morrilton, passed away on September 22, 2014 at St. Joseph's Nursing Home. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Osco and Carthel Coleman. Mrs. Merrick was a lifetime resident of Arkansas until she came to live about seven years ago with her daughter in Monroe. She was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church and the Daughters of the King. Mrs. Merrick was a graduate of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and received her Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas. She was a retired teacher and taught at Morrilton High School, Sacred Heart Catholic School, and Forrest City High School in Arkansas. The love of her life was her daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren who she was affectionately known as GiGi. Mrs. Merrick also loved knitting, traveling and cross word puzzles.

Mrs. Merrick was preceded in death by her husband, V.H. Merrick, Jr. Survivors include her daughter, Carlene Riley and husband Rev. Gregg Riley of Monroe, LA; grandchildren, Carolyn Riley Kirk and husband Col. Daniel Kirk of Springfield, VA; and Matthew Taylor Riley of Monroe, LA; and four great grandchildren, Hannah Austin Hunnicutt, Holly Mae Hunnicutt, Heidi Ruth Hunnicutt, and Daniel Kane Kirk IV.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 29, at Elmwood Cemetery with Rev. Cannon Gregg Riley officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 28, at the funeral home. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Ruth Merrick*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Mrs. Merrick was one of my favorite teachers. To this day, I still remember my Speech class and the lessons I learned from her. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Kathy Wall Apple - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Merrick was our English teacher at Sacred Heart. She was such a wonderful person and great teacher. I have many, many fond memories of her. I'll be praying for your family.*

Celeste Bailey - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *your mother was a very smart lady and I was glad to meet her. you have my sympathy may Godbe with you a this time.*

ann newkirk - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *Our hearts ache for you during this time. The loss of a mother is so overwhelming. Mothers are truly our connection to life itself! You will be in our prayers!*

Janice and Don Meisner - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM

AH

“ Mrs. Merrick was one of my most favorite teachers at Sacred Heart. She had a smile and kind words for each and every one of us. She was a teacher that impacted all her students. I thought about her the other day and wondered where she was living. My condolences to all the family during this difficult time. Know that she was LOVED at Sacred Heart!

Amy Hoyt - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM

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“ Mrs. Merrick was a wonderful teacher, yearbook sponsor, home room teacher and friend. R.I.P.

Teresa Erwin Stell - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM

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“ Our senior class was her first at Sacred Heart and I really enjoyed her as our teacher... She was a great person and teacher. So sorry to hear of her passing. God Bless..

Linda Lea - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM

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“ Betty taught across the hall from me at Wynne High School, and we became especially close when she moved to Wynne after the tornado hit her home in Forrest City. She lived behind me in an apartment for a short time. I recently came across a card from her and it brought a smile. I have wonderful memories of Betty. She was a wonderful person, teacher, and friend. I am sorry for your loss.
George Anne Draper

George Anne Draper - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear this, Carlene. Your mother was my favorite teacher.* ”

Jeanne - June 29, 2018 at 07:56 PM