



Janice Goodbar Davies

May 4, 1913 - September 30, 2008

Janice Goodbar Davies, 95, of Petit Jean Mountain, passed away Tuesday, September 30, 2008. She was born May 4, 1913 in Lonoke, Arkansas, the daughter of Fritz Emmett Goodbar and Lottie Loewer Goodbar, and was the widow of Samuel Ladd Davies to whom she was married for over sixty years. She earned her BA and MA from Arkansas State Teacher's College. She retired as Chair of the English Department of Parkview High School in Little Rock. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Morrilton, Birthday Girls, Thursday Book Club, Little Rock Musical Coterie, Past President of the Aesthetic Club, a founder of Friends of Morrilton Library and Chair of the Conway County Library Board; Morrilton Pathfinders, Petit Jean Extension Homemakers, and was a Director of the Ouachita Council of the Girl Scouts of America.

Janice was a Sunday School teacher, church camp administrator and worked with church youth groups from New Mexico to North Carolina. She will be remembered by students and teachers alike for her lessons and mentoring. Her programs and book reviews were legendary.

She loved to entertain at her beautiful home on Petit Jean Mountain decorated with momentos from their many travels around the world.

She is survived by three sons, Samuel Ladd Davies, Jr. and wife Patsy of Frederick, Maryland, David Goodbar Davies and wife Sandra of Petit Jean Mountain, and Richard Walter Davies and wife Betsy of North Little Rock; three granddaughters, Katherine Riccobono and husband Andrew of Falls

Church, Virginia, Sarah Davies of Houston, Texas, and Meredith Davies of Little Rock. She was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Loewer Goodbar of Baltimore, Maryland.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 3, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. David B. Davies and Rev. Frank LeBlanc officiating. Burial will be at Petit Jean Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Memorials may be made to: Conway County Library, 101 W. Church St., Morrilton, Arkansas 72110, or Alzheimer's Arkansas, 10411 W. Markham, Suite 130, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-1409.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Goodbar Davies*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to your family. Mrs. Davies was my junior honors English teacher at Parkview during the 71-72 school year. She was by far the best teacher I ever had from Kindergarten through college. She not only taught us the material, she shared her love of American literature with us and the crazier the classroom discussion got, the more she enjoyed it. She was never easy nor did she tolerate misbehavior, but she was always fair, understanding, and approachable. One special memory was on Halloween when she dressed as a witch and wore her hair loose down her back. I think every single Parkview student walked by her classroom door that day to see what she looked like without her bun! I'm so glad she had many years to enjoy her retirement on Petit Jean. She touched so many lives, including mine and I wanted her family to know how many of us remember her with great love and respect.*

October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Davies has had such an influence on my life as a student at Parkview and subsequently in visits to Petit Jean. What a pleasure to have known her.*

*"For Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of mens faces"*

Ross Betts

October 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *What joyful and beautiful memories I have of Mrs. Davies! Seeing her photo takes me back to the classroom where she enticed us with her soft southern voice reading a passage or page from our assigned book. She was that rare teacher who loved teaching and conveyed her love of the subject she taught. She influenced my career choice and my appreciation for American literature. No doubt she blessed her family in countless ways, just as she blessed her students for a lifetime.*

October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of you and send our love and sympathy*

October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I can still picture Mrs. Davies with the feather in her bun on game days at Hall! What a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend. My life is richer for having known her. When I graduated from college I went back to Hall to see her, just to let her know how much I appreciated her. She was a great gift to a great number of students...*

October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*From your extended family in Maryland,
Sherri, Mike, Kenny, Karen, Michael, Tiffany and Rory*

October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are unable to travel to the service since Lance has had recent, serious surgery. We loved "Aunt Janice" and fondly remember the special times we had with her and her family. Love to you all,
Leann and Lance Hanshaw
(Cabot)

October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Richard and all your family, my sincere condolences on the passing of your mother. May God's peace be with you during this time of bereavement, and may your good memories of your mother comfort, too.

October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Davies Family,
I was saddened to hear of Janice's passing. I so wish I could be with you to pay tribute to her life. I am heartened, however, to know that her long suffering has ended and that her spirit lives on in all of us that she taught through the years. I can still see her arching that eyebrow. Our prayers are with you all.
Jim and Beverly McKenzie

October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ David, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The beautiful fall weather is fitting tribute to her beautiful and full life.

October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Richard and family,
I was saddened to read of Mrs. Davies' passing. She lived a rich and rewarding life and it's our good fortune that she touched our lives directly or through family and community.
My prayers are with you.*

*sincerely,
Gerald Jordan*

October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear David and Sandy: I know that this is a time for reflection. I therefore extend to you and the Davies family my good thoughts, knowing that your friends and family will forever have fond memories of David's mother. Best wishes,*

--Dina

October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM