



Orleen McKuin

January 3, 1919 - August 13, 2012

Orleen McKuin, age 93, of Little Rock, formerly of Morrilton, died August 13, 2012. She was born January 3, 1919 to Anna Myrtle and Orlando Bolton Halbrook, the second of six children. Orleen spent 40 years in the education field, completing her undergraduate work at Arkansas Tech University and the University of Central Arkansas and her graduate and post graduate work at the University of Arkansas. She served as an elementary school teacher, principal, licensed psychological examiner, and the first elementary school counselor in the state of Arkansas. She was nominated for National Counselor of the Year and was a member of the Arkansas Education Association and National Education Association. Orleen was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Morrilton, serving in various positions as well as a Stephen Minister and co-chair of the Prayer Chain. She practiced her faith of loving God, her family, and her neighbor and generously shared her time and resources.

Orleen was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Willard McKuin, and a brother, Waymon Halbrook.

She is survived by two sons, Gary (Cynthia) McKuin of Hot Springs, and Glen (Cindy) McKuin of Boise, Idaho; daughter, Gayle (Paul) Fiser of Little Rock; two brothers, Shirrell (Evelyn) Halbrook of Paragould, and Udell (Lela) Halbrook of Oakland, California; two sisters, Winona Cannon of Morgantown, West Virginia, and Mimeva (Monte) Tredway of Pensacola, Florida; three grandsons, Bo (Hannah) McKuin, Greg (Kendra) McKuin, and Jeremy

(Stacey) McKuin; two granddaughters, Christie (Chris) Ray and Caroline (Jimmy) Houston; seven great-grandsons; four great-granddaughters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 15th at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Todd- Paul Taulbee officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 14th at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Morrilton at 201 S. Chestnut Street.

Tribute Wall



“ *Orleen McKuin*

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“ *Orleen was generous with her time and her talents. She was one of the most thoughtful persons I have ever known.*

Carolyn Vance - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers*

Ben, Jeff, Mary Jayne & Martha - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *Gayle,*

Please know our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family at this time,

Paula

Paula White - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *My fondest memory is my first teaching position, at Reynolds Elementary, teaching second grade, next door to my own second grade teacher, Mrs. McKuin! (1969)*

Nancy Newman Acre - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

BD

“ May God comfort and bless your family during this time of lost. We are keeping you and your family in our prayers.

Brian & Debbie Dinsmore - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

JA

“ Glen, so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a great woman and I know you'll miss her.

James Anderson

James Anderson - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

KO

“ I was blessed to have Mrs. McKuin for both 2nd and 3rd grade while a student at Reynolds Elementary. She was the kindest and most patient teacher I ever had so it was no surprise to me to read that she was the first elementary counselor in the state of Arkansas. What lucky students, parents and staff they were! My sincere condolences.

Kay Liddicoat Oppenhuizen

Kay Liddicoat Oppenhuizen - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

NN

“ Gayle, we were both saddened to hear of the passing of you Mom. These times are difficult but they will get better. We will think about you and your family and keep you in our prayers. Olan and Nancy

Nancy and Olan Nugent - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

TW

“ Mrs. McKuin was my 2nd grade teacher. Even 48 years later is not hard to recall her kindness & patience. Praying for you all in your time of loss.

Tom Weaver - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

SH

“ I have very fond memories of Aunt Orleen when we would visit Grandma McKuin. She was always kind and was a great blessing to my mom in her later years. I wish I could of spent some time with Orleen before she passed. A remarkable lady. Prayers are with all the McKuin Family. God Bless Sharon Evans Harris

Sharon Harris - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

DW

“ My deepest symphay goes out to all of Mrs. Mc Kuin's family, she was a wonderful lady.I started teaching in Morrilton in 1972 at what was then Westside Demonstration School.Mrs. McKuin was one of the first people I met there. She was a great lady. I remember some of her of her funny stories, some because she had so many I can't remember all of them. She was one of the best friends I had while I was there. This lady was one of a kind, and I know her family feels the same. I know she is in a better place as I'm sure her family knows. All I can say is that she was one of the GREATEST people I have ever known!

Dewayne Williams - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

TA

“ Mrs. McKuin was so patient and kind to me when I was a student at Northside in the early 1970's. I was such a shy little girl. She made me feel accepted. I will never forget her positive energy.

Tracy Andrews - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM

RB

“ Miz McCuin was my wonderful 2nd grade teacher at Reynolds Elementary in Morrilton!
I recall asking what her maiden name was & she said Halbrook. I knew then that she had Van Buren & Conway Co. Roots. My kind of folks.

Reynolds was a great school & Morrilton a great place to grow up in the 1960's.

1st Grade--Marietta Hutchinson & Pauline Isley.

2nd Grade--Orleen Halbrook McCuin

3rd Grade--Flo Keller w/ practice teacher Miss Metcalfe

4th Grade--Mrs. Stallings

Substitute Mr. Green, the Conway Co. Librarian.

Principal Miss Imogene Stover

Wonderful ladies & great educators. We need more of them today in America.

Randy O. Bowling

501-679-4500

Randy O. Bowling - June 29, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ Gary and Cynthia, Mother and I were so sorry to hear about Mrs. McKuin. I remember precious times on Emmaus Walks. She was an awesome witness.

August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Gayle, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God watch over you.

August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM