



RUTH EVELYN "MISS VAN" VANBENSCHOTEN

January 27, 2013

Ruth Evelyn "Miss Van" VanBenschoten, 90, of Hueytown, passed away January 27, 2013. She graduated from ISTC in Iowa, and from University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa with a Master's Degree. She started teaching in Iowa and then moved to then moved to Alabama and taught school in Hueytown until her retirement in 1982. She was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for 65 years. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting, and traveling extensively to 49 states. She was preceded in death by her parents Alfred and Dolly VanBenschoten; and siblings Alfred VanBenschoten, Jr., RoseMary Hildebrand, Vincent VanBenschoten, and Ethan VanBenschoten. She is survived by her neice Judy Blum (Larry); nephew Eric VanBenschoten (Madelaine); her adopted family Peggy and Doug Dill, Charlie, Doris, Damon, Mason, and Trey (Brittney); special friends Shirley Dunn, Bernice and Harold Rester; and numerous, nieces, nephews, cousins, thousands of students, friends, and teachers. The visitation will be Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home, with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church or you favorite Charity.

Tribute Wall

SU

“ Ms. Van was one of my teachers in Elementary School. She was one of those teachers who made a difference, and you don't forget. RIP Ms. Van.

Susan - February 02, 2013 at 10:47 AM

EB

“ Will always save the best memories of you. They are the only ones to keep as we get older.

Eric & Madeleine Van Benschoten - January 28, 2013 at 11:08 PM

DG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Miss Van's passing. She was a very soft spoken and caring teacher to her students. I don't remember her ever raising her ovoice...she didn't have to...she was respected as were most teachers of elem. school in the sixties. I have always and will always remember her fondly!

Debbie Bullard Gwin - January 28, 2013 at 10:05 PM

TW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Miss Van's passing. She was an outstanding teacher...one of the best I had at Hueytown Elementary. She brought the United States, Canada, and Mexico to life. I remember those little stone necklaces she made. I remember castin out nines in math. She was wonderful and will be missed.

Theresa Bishop Williams - January 28, 2013 at 07:23 PM

JH

“*Ms. Van holds a special place in my heart. She was a great teacher. I had one of those "lightbulb going off" moments in her class because of how well she explained a concept. She will be missed.*

Jean Hill

Jean Hill - January 28, 2013 at 06:45 PM