



Kathryn Nealy Deal

January 14, 1942 - March 16, 2012

Kathryn Nealy Deal, of Birmingham, AL, and formerly of Walhalla, SC, passed away on March 16, 2012. She was a graduate of Walhalla High School and Erskine College. She obtained a Master's Degree in Education from Clemson University. Kay was an elementary school teacher for 34 years. She was the daughter of the late Jess and Virginia Rankin Nealy. She is survived by her husband, Major Douglas E. Deal, USAF (retired); her daughter, Dr. Darby McElderry and son-in-law, Dr. Tom McElderry of Birmingham, AL; her two beloved grandchildren; and her brother, Mr. John E. Nealy (Florene) of Newport News, VA. Memorial services will be held at North Shelby Baptist Church (4100 Belcher Drive) in Birmingham, AL on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 3:00 pm, and in Walhalla, SC at Davenport Funeral Home (311 South Hwy 11, West Union) on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to www.caringbridge.org or Jessie's Place (205-323-0170, 2305 5th Avenue North) in Birmingham, AL.

Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn Nealy Deal

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ my daughter has the honor of having Mrs Deal as a 5th grade teacher. That was the greatest gift that I as Amanda's mother could have received. Kay remarked to me that Amanda had been the joy of her career to teach, but the blessings went both ways. Amanda learned what a true "lady" was, she learned that God blessed people with talents and that she was to look inside herself and find that. Amanda was special to Kay as Kay was special to Amanda. We have all been blessed to have known her, and you will find comfort in the legacy that she left behind. In Christ###imported-begin###Diannia Griffith###imported-end###

April 03, 2012 at 09:15 PM



“ I was in Mrs. Deal's 5th grade class, she retired at the end of that year. I am so sorry to hear about this loss... she was a great person... my family and I speak of her often... she made such a huge impact in my life as well as many others. Of all the many years I have been in school, she was and always will be my favorite and most memorable teacher. Many prayers of strength to go her family in this time of need. She is in a better place and one day I will see her again!###imported-begin###Amanda Griffith###imported-end###

April 03, 2012 at 09:08 PM



“ Douglas I was saddened to receive a copy of Kay's obituary from my cousin June Chastain. I have so many memories of the fun times we shared at Walhalla Senior High. I'll never forget the time I discovered a snowman in the driver's seat of the school bus I was driving my junior year. I had to dismantle it with a hammer and sat on a block of ice all the way to the Fish Hatchery to pick up kids. Kay and Beth Miley built the snow man! Great fun.##imported-begin##Carol Chastain Dietrick##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“ Bless be the tie that binds! Know that Kay's family is in my prayers.##imported-begin##John Kelley##imported-end##

March 25, 2012 at 01:56 AM



“ Special memories, warm thoughts and loving prayers to each member of our friend Kay's family. We are "shut in" just now with health issues but progress and improvement is evident. How sorry we are to miss sharing in the celebration of Kay's life and the opportunity to relive forever memories with family and friends. There is no doubt in our minds that she is bowing before our Lord and rejoicing with loved ones who have "gone before!" God bless you all with His Peace and powerful Presence.

Your friends in Him,
The Bobby Long Family##imported-begin##The Bobby Long Family##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 05:32 PM



“ Doug, I was was deeply saddened by the news of Kay's death. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you today and in the days to come.##imported-begin##Carolyn LeCroy Blankenship##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 12:08 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Jessica Crowe##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 09:43 AM



“ A very talented and special lady. Her works will shine forever at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium where we see the results of her hard work and determination on a daily basis. Our community and patrons see it as they are able enjoy the benefits of her dedication.
Nancy Carter
WCA President##imported-begin##Nancy Carter##imported-end##

March 22, 2012 at 10:56 PM



“ Brother Doug,my prayers are with you &all your family.I read this a few yrs.ago.We do not lose the ones we love,they only go before Where there is everlasting life,where sorrow is no more.... And there the soul will always live,and peace is everywhere. We do not lose the ones we love, GOD takes them in HIS CARE. GOD BLESS##imported-begin##Jackie T. Palmer##imported-end##

March 22, 2012 at 09:46 PM



“ I so well remember Kay when we were in high school...she was in the Walhalla High Band and I in the Westminster High Band. She was a majorette and I the Drum major. We would meet at mid- field at halftime during football games.

Years passed and then she invited me to join the Westminster Garden Club after I retired in 2003. We were fast friends from that day on. Kay was a wonderful Christian woman and a true friend. She was loved by her students dearly. She and I taught for over thirty years and had so much in common. We both loved Chau Ram County Park and had some very good times there.

Kay Deal will be missed! She is at home in heaven and will be among the first to greet us there.

God bless you Doug and her family.

Love and prayers now and always. Rolann##imported-begin##Rolann C.Lee##imported-end##

March 22, 2012 at 04:21 PM



“ Mrs. Deal was the most wonderful, beautiful lady. My daughter, Jessica, was in Mrs. Deal's fifth grade and Jessica just loved her. Mrs. Deal was so encouraging and loving. She had a genuine concern for her students and it showed. Mrs. Deal will be missed terribly.

Terea Crowe##imported-begin##Teresa Crowe##imported-end##

March 22, 2012 at 12:25 PM



“ To Kay's sweet family and friends I will pray for comfort in the coming days for all of you. To lose someone as dear as Kay is unthinkable. She is one of the most beautiful people I have ever met both inside and out. Please know that she is well loved and will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Terri Corbett##imported-end##

March 20, 2012 at 09:25 AM



“ Darby,
I was so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She was a beautiful lady.##imported-begin##Jan Sullivan Hinchman##imported-end##

March 20, 2012 at 09:17 AM



“ Doug and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Kay was a wonderful lady. May God comfort and bless you all during the days ahead.

*With sympathy,
Susan Hollifield and Family##imported-begin##Susan Hollifield##imported-end##*

March 19, 2012 at 08:24 PM



“ Darby, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She was my first grade teacher and I never forgot her! You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Bonnie Galloway##imported-end##

March 19, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ Darby, Tom, Grands, Doug and Tom:

I value your loss but know that time will heal all wounds. Kay was a wonderful person to all of us.##imported-begin##Jack Pell##imported-end##

March 18, 2012 at 07:58 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Kay's death. Praying God will be with you at this time in your life and forever. She was a special person and will be missed by all. I'm so glad she got to spend more time with family, especially the grandchildren, after the move to Alabama.##imported-begin##Glenda Towe##imported-end##

March 18, 2012 at 04:43 AM



“ To you Doug and your daughter. Mrs. Deal (as we called her) was a very SPECIAL person to me and Kris! When he was 10 years old I worked a lot and she picked Kris up and took to school everyday. They listened to the oldies and had a great time. She gave Kris the most SPECIAL award he ever had in school. We loved her and was a very INSPIRATIONAL person in our lives!! Our deepest thoughts are with you. A lady who was beautiful inside and out. As you both go through this time, may God be with you, because I know that she was a Christian.##imported-begin##Lita Justus and Kris##imported-end##

March 17, 2012 at 10:03 PM



“ Doug, Darby and Family.

Please accept our deepest sympathy. Kay was a lovely lady and a dear friend. We will continue praying for God's comfort and blessings during this difficult time in your life.

Cornelia & B.F. Pepper##imported-begin##Cornelia & B.F. Pepper##imported-end##

March 17, 2012 at 01:23 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Beth Duncan Ashley##imported-end##*

March 17, 2012 at 12:32 PM



“ *Thinking of you prayerfully.*

Becky Johnson

(retired WHS)##imported-begin##Becky johnson##imported-end##

March 17, 2012 at 12:15 PM