



Mary Key Whitten

April 7, 2008

Walhalla, SC—Mary Gill Key Whitten, 98, wife of the late Elmer C. Whitten, Sr., of 904 West Main Street, Walhalla, SC, died at her home Monday, April 7, 2008.

A native of Rodman, SC, Mrs. Whitten was the daughter of the late William Bartlett and Mary Gill Key. She was a graduate of Winthrop College. Mrs. Whitten was a retired school teacher from Oconee County School District after 25 years of service at Walhalla Elementary, Tamassee-Salem Middle School and Tamassee-Salem High School. She was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church, UMC Women's Fellowship Circle, American Legion Auxiliary and former Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Whitten is survived by:

Daughters:

Mary Norma Barnes and husband, Buddy of Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Patricia K. Whitten of Walhalla, SC

Son:

Elmer C. Whitten, Jr. and wife, Reta of Columbia, SC

Grandchildren:

Tony and Carol Barnes of Mountain Rest, SC,

Trish and Charley Sasser of Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Carlyle Barnes of USAF, Azores

Great-grandchildren:

Charles Wayne Sasser, Patrick Sasser and Whitten Barnes.

Special Friend:

Lisa Barry

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Thursday, April 10, 2008 from

St. Luke United Methodist Church, Walhalla, SC, with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park, Seneca, SC.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at Davenport Funeral Home, Walhalla.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 339, Walhalla, SC 29691; OMH Hospice of The Foothills, 390 Keowee School Road, Seneca, SC 29672; or to the Mary K. Whitten Memorial, Tamassee-Salem High School, 4 Eagle Lane, Salem, SC 29676.

Special thanks to OMH Hospice of The Foothills for their loving care. Mrs. Whitten will be missed sitting on her front porch by many.

The family is at the residence.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Key Whitten*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Elmer, We were so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Reta spoke often of her, and I know she will be missed. Much love to you and your family.*

David, Missy, Meghan and Trey.##imported-begin##Missy Fentress##imported-end##

April 25, 2008 at 11:59 AM



“ *My precious sweet Whitten family,
Please know how much you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I was so grieved to learn of your mom's death. You know how much I loved both of them. I wish I had been able to be there, but please know that you are in my heart, and I love all of you very much. I am so grateful that your family has been a part of my life.##imported-begin##Alice Jo Ford##imported-end##*

April 22, 2008 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Patsy,
I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was an amazing woman. I treasure my memories of the summers I spent in Walhalla with Mama Ruby and sitting in the front yard with everyone and just listening. It was a milestone when I was old enough to cross the street and visit with Mrs. Whitten. God bless you and your entire family during this time.

Love,
Melissa, Joe, Anna, Rachel, and Katie Hudson##imported-begin##Melissa Riordan Hudson##imported-end##

April 15, 2008 at 05:34 PM



“ elmer,
I was saddened to hear about your Mom. I was going to the funeral with Doug, until my builder called. We will get together on the Lake Henry##imported-begin##Henry Sweatman##imported-end##

April 11, 2008 at 08:33 AM



“ Mrs. Whitten was a wonderful lady and very dear friend to my grandparents, the Smiths, who lived across the street. My sisters and brother and I spent many summers in Walhalla and I always enjoyed visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Whitten. They frequently sat outside their home and we would stop as we passed by on our way to our Aunt's home down the street or to the public pool. My condolences to her family for their loss, but I am sure they have many beautiful memories of her to keep.##imported-begin##Harold Riordan##imported-end##

April 10, 2008 at 11:23 AM



“ Pat,

I am very sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I know you loved her more than than you could ever say. Mary Ann and I are thinking about you and praying for you and your whole family. I think about you often and constantly hope that you are doing well.

My sympathies to you and your family and my best regards to you.

Keith Russell##imported-begin##Keith Russell##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 09:24 PM



“ Mrs. Whitten was my homeroom teacher and classroom teacher as a freshman at T-S High in 1973. I smile as I recall how teenage boys thought they could "one up" the petite lady at the front of the class. As the saying goes "Didn't Happen"!! As I've grown older, how I've come to appreciate more and more the values and convictions of mentors in my life like Mrs. Whitten. What a great long life, what an awesome testimoney!! May God Bless and Comfort family, friends and former students during this time.##imported-begin##Phil Garrett##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 06:18 PM



“ Elmer--Susan and I share your sorrow and will be thinking of you and your family. Unfortunately, you have to give them up at some point, and 98 years ain't chopped liver. Our best to you and your family.

Rusty##imported-begin##Rusty DePass##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 12:36 PM



“ Our prayers are with you, dear friends. We treasure wonderful memories of each member of your family--especially of your parents, and rejoice that they are "together again." May our Lord keep you close and give His Peace to your hearts.
You are in our thoughts today, in our hearts always.
"Coach" and Angela###imported-begin###Bobby & Angela Long###imported-end###

April 08, 2008 at 08:45 PM



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April 08, 2008 at 08:33 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Whitten lived a long and loving life. She was such a precious person that will never be forgotten by many. I will never forget what a good friend she was to my mother and our family. God Bless her. Love always, Susan###imported-begin###Susan Smith###imported-end###

April 08, 2008 at 07:39 PM



“ I have fond memories of Mrs. Whitten. After she retired, she would substitute when needed. She was a wonderful teacher and loved teaching. She was a lady in every sense of the word. She was always dressed sharply and I will always remember the signature rouge on her cheeks. Her passion was teaching and she took a lot of pride in her work. She will surely be missed by all that she touched in her lifetime. God Bless the family during this time.###imported-begin###Tony Moss###imported-end###

April 08, 2008 at 06:19 PM