



Billie Jean Morris

October 15, 1922 - January 17, 2011

Billie Jean Morris, 88 years old of Greenbrier, TN, passed away January 17, 2011 at Christian Care Center in Springfield, TN. She was born October 15, 1922 in Greenbrier, TN to Essie Bruce Morris & James Leroy Morris. She graduated from Greenbrier High School in 1940 & George Peabody College in 1943. She began her teaching career in September 1943 at Vincent, Alabama teaching first grade 3 years. In September 1946 she began teaching at Greenbrier Elementary School and remained there for 13 years. She next taught at Oakland Bethlehem teaching grades 1-3 for two years. Her last teaching assignment was at Watauga in Ridgetop, TN for 17 years. She left Watauga to care for her aged, ill parents. During her teaching years she worked with over 1,000 children, some who have gone into the teaching profession. She had wonderful support from her parents and teaching associates during her many years of teaching. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was baptized by Bro. W. M. Shearer while he was minister of Greenbrier Church of Christ. Ms. Morris had many interests and hobbies including oil painting, gardening, reading, old movies, music and carpentry. She was an accomplished musician of both piano and organ. She was also a devoted cat lover. She is survived by first cousin, Sarah Dickson of Greenbrier, TN, one aunt, Mary Light, several other cousins, & her special cats. A Celebration of her life will be held Friday, January 21, 2011 at 2 PM at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Greenbrier, TN with Bro. Roy McConnell officiating. Visitation will begin at 12 Noon and continue until time of the

service. Interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Tribute Wall

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“ Miss Morris was my second grade teacher at Watauga Elementary. Her enthusiasm and passion for learning were such and inspiration to me. I have been employed in the Robertson County School System for almost 24 years I hope I will serve my learners as effectively and with the same compassion as Miss Morris.

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“ Miss Morris was my teacher in second and third grade at Greenbrier. She was truly gifted and made learning so much fun. She wrote poems and posted them on the walls, composed songs, which she taught the class and produced musicals with her students as performers. Miss Morris was the best and most memorable teacher I've ever had and I loved her. It was a privilege to have her as a teacher. Dian McMurtry Ferrell

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