



Catherine Payne Holman

September 23, 1917 - May 18, 2008

Catherine Payne Holman, age 90, of Springfield, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at NorthCrest Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, June 2, 2008 at 1:00pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Dr. Joe Butler and Mayor Howard Bradley officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation with the family will be Monday morning from 11am until the time of service.

Mrs. Holman was born September 23, 1917, in Milldale, and lived most of her adult life in Springfield. She was the daughter of Allison Wright Payne (1899-1967) and Flossie Barber Payne (1898-1996), lifetime farm owners in Milldale; and granddaughter of Joseph Culbertson Barber (1867-1949) and Effie Randolph Barber (1874-1937) of Milldale. Mr. Barber owned the Milldale General Store and Funeral Home.

She was a 1934 graduate of Orlinda High School where she played on the girls' basketball team for four years and was a member of the Drama Club. She attended Tennessee College in Murfreesboro from 1934-35 and entered Western Kentucky University at Bowling Green in 1935 after visiting the campus with her father and history teacher, Fount Robinson. While there, she was a member of the Latin Club and the English Club and was named "Mountain Laurel Princess" in 1936 in the WKU Beauty Pageant. She worked in the University Library and graded papers for English professors. She majored in history and English with a minor in Latin, and received a BA

degree in 1938.

After graduation she taught at Lamont Elementary School in Robertson County from 1938-39 and worked at the TN Department of Human Resources. In 1940 she married Roy James Holman and in 1945 they had a daughter, Jean Carol Holman, who later received her BA and PhD, taught at several universities, and received international recognition for her publications and seminars while a professor at the University of Utah. In 1950 she taught at Springfield High School, and received her MA from Austin Peay University. She took a sabbatical and returned to work at the DHS office in Clarksville, specializing in Children's Services. She then returned to teaching at Springfield High School, and during that period completed advanced work at Vanderbilt University, earning the offer of a scholarship there. In 1968 she received recognition for attainments and scholarship in history from the National Council of Phi Alpha Theta through its Theta Delta chapter. She was an active member of the Robertson County Historical Society, participated in the identification and documentation of early grave sites, and wrote several articles about the Randolph families and the settlement of Nashville that were published in the Robertson County Times and the Nashville Tennessean. She retired from teaching in 1979 but remained active, teaching adult Bible classes at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield for the next 20 years.

Catherine was preceded in death by her daughter, Jean Carol Holman Weller, on February 24, 1998. She is survived by her sister, Jeanne Payne Carney, and brother-in-law, Carl Carney of Del Mar, California; niece, Linden Lafferty of Atlanta, GA, and nephew, Kevin Lafferty of Mission Viejo, California. Also, she is survived by cousins who reside in Robertson County, Ann Barber Jones and Sylvia Stubblefield of Springfield, and Joseph Payne of Orinda.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements.

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