



Frances Pauline Clifton

February 14, 1926 - August 1, 2015

Frances Pauline (Mitchell) Clifton, 89, of Monticello, a respected past teacher in the Rush County School Systems, was called home to be with the Lord at 12:33am, on Saturday, August 1, 2015. She was born on February 14, 1926, to the late Marion Paul and Gertrude Anna (Rowen) Mitchell, in Battle Ground, Indiana.

Frances was raised on a farm with eight siblings during the economic upheaval of the Great Depression. From a young age, she learned the importance of God, family and hard work. Her childhood memories included tending to the chickens, hogs, cattle, picking berries and melons from the truck patch, and modeling with her siblings in publications of the Farm Bureau Magazine.

Frances graduated from Battle Grounds High School in 1944. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Science at Purdue University, where she met the love of her life, Harold "Bud" Clarence Clifton, Jr., to whom she was united in marriage on June 26, 1948. They bought a farm in Rushville and were blessed with two daughters, Candyce and Mary Fran. After Bud's sudden passing, Fran continued her studies at Ball State in Education; earning her Master's Degree in 1973. Mrs. Clifton proudly dedicated 26 years of service teaching kindergarten, Home Economics, Science, and 5th Grade at the Rushville Consolidated Schools and honorably retired in the 80's.

A true definition of a selfless, intelligent and inspirational leader, she attended the Monticello Methodist Church, Rushville Presbyterian Church, and Rushville Christian Church. Her memberships included Tri Kappa, Fortnightly, Red Hat Society, Bridge Club, and served as past secretary for the Indiana Women Educators.

She was a talented cook and even famous for making homemade noodles. In her spare time, she liked to play card games, sew and quilt. Above all, Frances thoroughly enjoyed spending time with loved ones, entertaining crowds by hosting gatherings and preparing meals. She once said, "The more we get together the happier you'll be."

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Jean Warner, David Mitchell, Floyd Mitchell and Jessie Mitchell; grandchildren, Anna and Joseph Krumwiede; brother-in-law, Jack Weekley and sister-in-laws, Shirley and Mary Mitchell.

Survivors include her daughters, Candyce Louise Krumwiede (husband, David) of Johns Island, South Carolina and Mary Fran Hadley (husband, Dean) of Monrovia; siblings, Marjorie Heman (husband, Don) of Battle Ground, Carol Crooksten (husband, Donald) of Muncie, Ruth Weekley of Wabash and Phillip Mitchell (wife, Nancy) of Milroy; Oveta Mitchell of Lafayette; grandchildren, Laura Scott (husband, Emerson) of Stillwater, Minnesota, Erin Ennis (husband, Adam) of Monrovia, Rachel Wegner (husband, Logan) of Brazil, Sara Hadley of Monrovia and Colleen Hadley of Monrovia; great grandchildren, Ainsley Scott, Easton and Abel Ennis.

The funeral service will begin at 1pm, on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at Moster Mortuary in Rushville, with visitation held from 11am. Entombment will immediately follow the service in East Hill Cemetery, Rushville. In lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Harold and Frances Clifton Scholarship Fund, 117 N. Main Street, Rushville. To share a favorite memory, sign the online guest registry, or light a candle in Frances's memory visit www.lightmemorial.com

Cemetery Details

East Hill Cemetery

704 IN-44
Rushville, IN 46173

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 N Main St
Rushville, IN 46173

Service

AUG 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 N Main St
Rushville, IN 46173

Tribute Wall



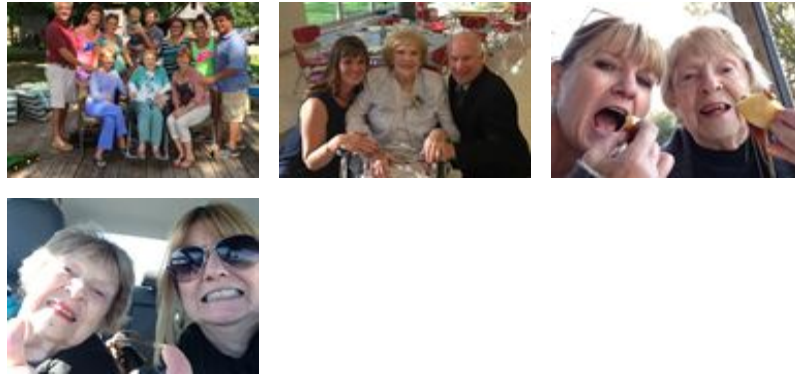
“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of your sister.*

Eva (Mikels) Hamilton

Eva Hamilton - August 10, 2015 at 08:16 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - August 04, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Frances Pauline Clifton.*



August 04, 2015 at 04:37 PM

JH

“ *What a great example Fran was to each of us. She stayed strong through tough times and kept her spirit and silly laugh to share. She so treasured her family. I have been missing my pew buddy at church since she moved to Indy area. It was so wonderful to share some time with her a few weeks ago.*

Wish I could be there tomorrow and hug you Laura, Candy, Mary Fran and others.

Unfortunately, I am hosting a retirement party for a close friend from Purdue tomorrow that has been scheduled a long time. You will all be in my prayers as you celebrate a life well lived and lots of love passed on. Lots of Love, Jane Harvey

Jane Harvey - August 04, 2015 at 08:43 AM

CK

“ *Candyce Krumwiede lit a candle in memory of Frances Pauline Clifton*



Candyce Krumwiede - August 04, 2015 at 06:56 AM

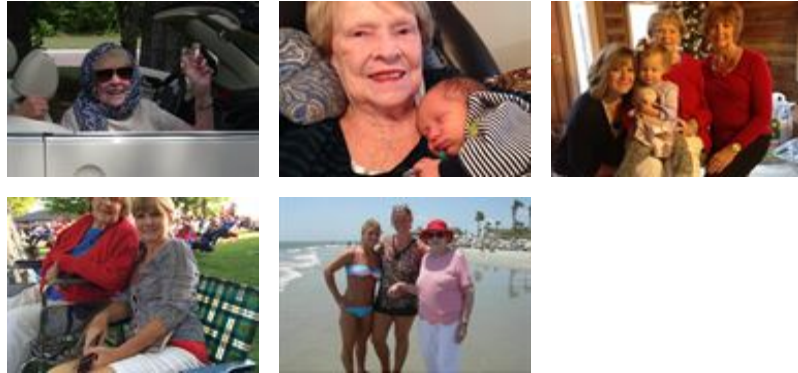


“ *One of the best teachers I had. Such a sweet, beautiful woman. I don't remember her ever having a cross word for anyone. She made learning fun. She will be sadly missed.-- Joyce Redd Richey*

Joyce Richey - August 03, 2015 at 10:37 PM



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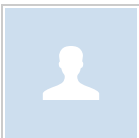
Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - August 03, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ *Todd and Susan Henderson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Frances Pauline Clifton.*



Todd and Susan Henderson - August 03, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Pauline Clifton.*



August 03, 2015 at 11:03 AM

WG

“ *With Much Love, Karyn & John Gualtieri purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Frances Pauline Clifton.*



With Much Love, Karyn & John Gualtieri - August 03, 2015 at 07:52 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Pauline Clifton.*



August 02, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ *Great lady who knew kids and how to treat them. I am glad she was my 5th grade teacher at Milroy. RIP!*

Gary Cole - August 02, 2015 at 03:34 PM

DJ

“ *Rest in peace Mrs. Clifton- my 5th grade teacher----Rob Jackman*

Dr Rob Jackman - August 02, 2015 at 07:19 AM

ED

*A classy lady who lived down the circle from me at C&C Beach.
Elaine Dickerson*

Elaine Dickerson - August 03, 2015 at 07:23 PM

MS

What a great Mother and Grandma that you will always have fond memories of, for she so into her family and so loving. She was also a great neighbor of mine. Lots of love coming your way Mary Fran and Candy and all the family. Thinking of all of you at this time.

Molly Sage

Molly Sage - August 04, 2015 at 05:24 PM