



Guinevere Lanning Smith

March 7, 1916 - November 5, 2010

Guinevere Lanning Smith, 94, of Wapakoneta, died 5:40 a.m., Fri. Nov. 5, 2010, at her residence. She was born March 7, 1916, in Wapakoneta, the daughter of Vernon and Edna (Garling) Lanning, who preceded her in death. Her husband, John L. Smith preceded her in death in 1993. She was a 1933 graduate of Blume High School. She received a bachelors degree from Ohio Northern University, Ada, and a masters degree from Miami University. She worked for ten years as an elementary and physical education teacher in the Wapakoneta, Medina, Ada, and Jackson Center schools. She also taught 27 years in the Wilmington City Schools as an English, history, and girls' physical education instruction. Guinevere resided in Wilmington for 47 years where she served as president of the Wilmington Education Association and was a life member of the Clinton Co. Retired Teachers Assn. She was a charter member of the Wilmington Scholastic Achievement Council, a charter member of Twig 4 of the Clinton Co. Hospital where she volunteered for 20 years. She was a charter member of the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, where she served on many committees. She was a member of First English Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta. Her other memberships included Koneta Chapter #385 O.E.S., Wapakoneta, and the Wapakoneta Woman's Club. She held life memberships in the Ohio Retired Teachers Assn., the National Retired Teachers Assn. and the Auglaize Co. Retired Teachers Assn. Survivors include a sister, Vernita (John) Mould, Oxford, OH, a niece, Serena (Brad) Harshbarger, Piqua, OH, and a nephew, Gary (Sue) Klingler, Lima, OH,

and seven great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers and a sister-in-law, Alvin (Dorothea) Lanning, and Cordell Lanning, and 4 sisters and a brother-in-law, Alvina Lanning, Geneura Lanning, Louise Pepple, and Verna (William) Elliott. She was known as the "Hat Lady" because she wore a hat everywhere she went. At the time of her death she had over 50 hats. She will be sadly missed by her long time caregiver, Kathie Manns and her family, and many good friends. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. Nov. 8, 2010, at First English Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Steven Nelson officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 2-5 p.m., Sun. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Mon. at the church. An Eastern Star memorial service will be 5 p.m., Sun. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the First English Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Church, or the Auglaize Co. Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

VM

“ My condolences to the family and other friends of Mrs. Smith. She was the sweetest teacher that many of us shared at Wilmington High School. I can speak for all of us that graduated in the Wilmington High Class of 1959! My regret is that I did not make it to visit her sometime during these past few years. She will definitely be a great angel in Heaven. Lovingly missing her, Virgene and others of WHS

Virgene Plymire Mallonee - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

AC

“ Mrs. Smith was my phys. ed teacher in 1973 in Wilmington. I have kept in contact with her over the years & will miss her. Extend my condolences to her family & caregiver. She will always be in my heart.

Amy Carey - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

RH

“ I am so sorry to Have learned of the passing of Mrs. Smith. I will allways have fond memories of her as my teacher at Wilmington High School and I will miss the Christmas cards and the notes at Christmastime. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Smith and her Family at this time. Sincerely Yours, Ron Hamilton

Ron Hamilton - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

CH

“ It is with great sadness, but also joy to hear that Guinevere has gone on. Sadness because we will miss her, that wonderful smile and kind caring and sharing with everyone she met. There is also joy that she is home with God and all her loved ones. It has been my pleasure to be her friend for many years, as was Genera and their parents Edna and Vern, and Alvin, too. Godspeed my friend, until we met on the other side.

Carolyn Harshbarger - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JB

“ I will truly miss Mama Guin. I have had the honor and blessing of calling her "Mama" for over 40 years. She will be in my heart forever. My thoughts and prayers are with her loving family. She will always be that special "Hat/Cat" lady. I will miss all our trips to Wapaw to spend time with her. Much love to all.

John & Lelina Burns - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JS

“ Joyce and I will be out of town Sunday and Monday and not be able to visit or attend the funeral as we would have liked to. We are truly sorry for your loss and express our sincere condolences. Gwen was on our regular Christmas greeting mailing list. We enjoyed and looked forward to her messages and recipes. She always called me her favorite cheerleader. Joyce talked to her every time at Womens Club. We will miss her, however we know she is in a more beautiful place. Blessings to the family. The Schulers 611 w.Pearl St.

joyce and dudley schuler - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

PN

“ I am a former student of Gwen's and kept in touch with her. She was a nice person to know and will be missed. I was just thinking of her earlier in the week and wondering how she was getting along. My sympathy to her care giver (of whom she spoke of with affection) and to her family and friends.

Phyllis Newton - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

MS

“ Guin Smith, my gym teacher and forever friend, shaped my life . She cared for each and every student, for we were all her children. Each year since then I have received greeting cards and photos, with hand written messages, along with her words of encouragement. I will miss her caring greetings for the rest of my life, and I will never forget the impact she has made in my life.

Mary Lou Thompson Sprowle - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM