



Irma Neal Pyles Emde

October 31, 1919 - January 17, 2016

Irma Neal Pyles Emde, 96, of Judsonia, AR, died peacefully on Sunday, January 17, 2016, at the Heritage Living Center in Conway, AR. Mrs. Emde was born on October 31, 1919 in Judsonia. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Hilton Emde, her parents, Loyd and Edith Moore Pyles, her brother, Loyd Henry Pyles, and numerous other close relatives.

She was a teacher in Plainview, Judsonia and Kensett, and she and Hilton operated the Emde Motel in Judsonia. She volunteered at CARTI and was an active member of Judsonia First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her last first cousin; Tommy (Lydia) Sharp of Newport Beach CA; a niece, Jane Sheffield of Atoka OK; nephews Ted Bennett of Minden LA and Derrick Land of Little Rock; and caregivers Jack (Meg) Thompson of Colleyville TX, Jim (Teresa) Thompson of Conway, Kathy (Chris) Cooper of Conway, Carolyn (Keith) Mullins of Conway, and Susan (Mark) Freedle of Conway.

Funeral services will be at the Judsonia First Baptist Church at 11:00 o'clock on Tuesday, January 19 with visitation to follow. Memorials may be made to Judsonia First Baptist Church or Judsonia Evergreen Cemetery Trust. Funeral arrangements are by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

RC

“ My love & respect for Mrs Emde. She was a lovely person, & a great teacher. A sweet friend I looked forward to seeing @ the alumni weekend. She was always so gracious, remembered her students from so long ago. I missed seeing her last October @ the reunion.

Ramona Bloodworth Callaway - May 04, 2016 at 03:10 PM

MS

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Mary Spurlock - February 10, 2016 at 01:12 PM

DS

“ *My cousin Irma was a true lady and I will miss her greatly. She was the very last of my Strahl and Pyles relatives in Judsonia, so her passing is a poignant milestone. Although she was always classy you could not miss the twinkle in her eye. And like most of the women in her family, she could be a force of nature. I a very large family with many educators I believe she was the first and therefore an inspiration to the rest of us.*
Dan Strahl

Dan Strahl - February 10, 2016 at 01:12 PM

FO

“ *A true Lady I never saw without a smile on her face and a happy story to tell. I thought she was beautiful inside and out and I loved her laugh! Judging by that smile on her face in the picture; I may unfortunately have lost touch with her, but she never with her Heavenly Father or herself! Prayers of peace for all her family and loved ones.*

Fonda - February 10, 2016 at 01:12 PM

JM

“ I have known Irma all my life. Her aunt was married to my uncle. She was one of the best people I have ever known. She took good care of her family, especially her mother, in her later years. She had a gracious and positive outlook on life and an interest in other people. I will miss her.

Janice Jones Moore - February 10, 2016 at 01:12 PM

LS

“ I was the night caregiver to Irma's Mother, Edith Pyles, some 30 plus years ago. Irma was a joy to do business with and I was very honored to have known her! She was so thoughtful and caring toward her Mother, and gave of her time and energy to keep Mrs. Pyles in her home as long as possible. So glad I was acquainted with her!
My prayers are with the family at this time.

Leah Oakes Seagraves - February 10, 2016 at 01:12 PM