



Ruby Geneva Williams

September 22, 1916 - October 25, 2018

Ruby Geneva Davis Anderson Williams, age 102 of Searcy, died Thursday, October 25, 2018 in Searcy. She was born September 22, 1916 at Plainview, Arkansas to A.J. and Jannie Davis. She was the oldest of four children growing up on a small farm that was typical of the day. She graduated from Plainview High School and in the summer of 1934 worked with others preparing for the opening of Harding College in the fall. She began her studies at Harding College that fall as one of the beginning Freshmen. She met and married William F. Anderson while there and they had two children before his death in 1940. She married James R. Williams in 1946 and they had a daughter. During World War II, Ruby worked various jobs, including at the ammunition plant complex in Jacksonville, and following the war, with Arkansas Power & Light Company. She became a school teacher and earned her Masters Degree in Education in 1959. As a teacher in mostly junior high classes of history, civics and economics, she was known as an accomplished teacher, and a strict disciplinarian. As such, she garnered love and respect from students and coworkers alike. She retired from teaching in 1981 after over thirty years in the profession. She was a charter member of the College Church of Christ in Searcy and attended there until her death. She is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Anderson Maple of Edmond, Oklahoma, Margaret Williams Southerland and husband Norman of San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Pauline Owens of Marion, Indiana; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by

her parents; two husbands; a sister; a brother; a son; a son-in-law; and a grandson. Visitation is Monday at 9:00 am at College Church of Christ. Funeral services will be Monday at 10:00 am at College Church of Christ with interment to follow at White County Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in her name to His House, a benevolent outreach of College Church of Christ.

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby Geneva Williams



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 28, 2018 at 03:41 PM

JB

“ 9th grade Civic's class of 1961, she was hard on the outside, soft on the inside. Lots of good memories.

Jimmie Brownfield

Jimmie Brownfield - October 29, 2018 at 10:01 PM



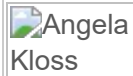
“ I had the pleasure of caring for Mrs. Ruby for a little while. I loved hearing her stories about her teaching days and seeing her sweet smile. She was a great woman who made an impact on everyone who knew her.

Julia Renfro - October 27, 2018 at 07:32 AM

DL

“ One of the best teachers I ever had. Both history and economics and one of the few who always made all her students feel special. A truly great lady and teacher. David Laffoon class of 60.

David Laffoon - October 26, 2018 at 01:36 PM



Angela
Kloss

“ I loved hearing Mrs. Ruby talk about letting her students take a nap. We would talk about her being a teacher and about how I need to apply for license. Going to miss her! Praying for the family.

Angela Kloss - October 26, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ Mrs. Williams may well have been the best teacher I ever had because she not only taught the subject matter, but she taught us how to study, how to organize material and how to time manage. But most importantly, she made you know that she truly cared.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Tom Yarnell, Class of 1971.

Tom Yarnell - October 26, 2018 at 08:45 AM



JH

“ If you don't remember anything else from this class, remember that there's no such thing as a free lunch. Nothing in this world is free. Just because something is free to YOU doesn't make it free. "FREE" is a misnomer; SOMEbody had to work to pay for it.”

She was tough, callous... and though we didn't much care for her at the time, I learned more from her in one short year than I think I learned from any other teacher in 12 years. The Ayn Randish lessons she taught in her economics class have served me well, and I will be forever grateful to her for them. A thorough understanding of economics has played a major role in helping me to build the companies I own today.

Jerry Hunter - October 26, 2018 at 07:08 AM

RN

“*Mrs. Williams was my Economics teacher and I will never forget ..”There’s no such thing as a free lunch”.*

Rhonda Rose Napper - October 26, 2018 at 07:03 AM

PC

“*Knew Mrs Williams for many year as a teacher. She was strict, but fair. Searcy just lost a great lady.*

Paulette Choate - October 26, 2018 at 12:43 AM

JS

“*I am a former student (1969-70) of Mrs Williams . While she was a strict disciplinarian She was also an excellent teacher. I always thought she was so attractive with her salt & pepper hair color. I was fortunate to visit with Mrs Ruby again after my mother moved (2011) next door to her at Providence independent living . She always greeted me with a smile.*
When Mrs Ruby needed to move over to the assisted living side my mom and I would see her from time to time. My last visit was 2 weeks ago. She was still smiling but more frail. I am blessed to have know this lovely woman. God Bless her family

judy Tilley Swafford - October 25, 2018 at 11:22 PM

PM

“*Knew Ruby most of my life, grew up in same community, knee her parents, siblings and James. Wonderful memories of the family.*

Paul Miller - October 25, 2018 at 10:03 PM

KL

“ *Mrs Williams was my 8th grade history teacher in 1968. She was one of my favorites, tough but fair and years later tried to get me to run for political office. A beautiful person inside and out. Her memory makes me smile.*

Kelly Ledbetter - October 25, 2018 at 09:16 PM