



Clara Joy Humphrey

April 4, 1932 - November 10, 2019

Clara Joy Humphrey, 87, of Rogers, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2019, at Earlene Howard Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born April 4, 1932, in Des Arc, Arkansas, to Chester and Eunice (Harris) Irby. She is preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband, John DeVane Humphrey.

She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Joye Gartside and husband, Brian, of Springdale, Arkansas; grandsons Michael Gartside and wife Ashley, and Brad Gartside; four great-grandchildren: Jason, Laci, Justin, and Jasmine.

She is also survived by a sister, Julia Ann Richards and husband, Leslie, of Bentonville, Arkansas, and nine nieces and nephews.

Clara received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1954, and a Master's degree in Education in 1983, both from the University of Arkansas. Her gracious personality resulted in many opportunities to travel with teacher friends during summer vacations. After one trip to England, she was inspired to create her own English garden. After retirement, Clara loved to spend time with her family, and they enjoyed a variety of interests and activities together. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Rogers, Arkansas. Graveside service and burial will take place at a date and time to be determined at Sandhill Cemetery in Des Arc, Arkansas.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Joy Humphrey*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *I was sad to read of your mother's passing, Joye. I've had several flash-back memories recently of our encounters at church during 'folding fingers' where I subbed from time to time before going into the library to work. Clara and Grace used to come after folding the newsletter to visit with Trude in the library. Those three were something else!!!! Great friends that are now visiting together in a heavenly library. I miss them all.
Sympathy to you and your family. Kathy Morey*

Kathy Morey - November 21, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *So many memories of our early days of teaching at Northside School, bridge games with her and John, sharing family stories from similar backgrounds. My thoughts are with you knowing you are going to miss her. She brought joy to everyone who knew her.
Bonnie Grimes*

BONNIE GRIMES - November 14, 2019 at 04:43 PM

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“ *The next to the last time I saw Clara, I told her something that I had told so many people that I have known. I told her I had said something to so many people about her but had never told her. I proceeded to tell her that I have told so many people that she was the most dedicated person that I would ever know. I remember when John had his stroke and she had to decide whether to give up her job and keep him at home or to put him in a nursing home because after he was gone, she would need a life. She decided the nursing home was the way to go because he was a total care patient. She would go by the nursing home each morning before she went to school and get in bed with him so he could feel the warmth of another human and she would read parts of the paper to him. Then she would go to Northside and be the greatest librarian. Then after school, she would run by her house and pick up the mail and go back to the nursing home and stay with him until about 7 and then she would go home to eat and get ready for the next day. She did this for about 11 years. I doubt there is another person in the universe who was as dedicated as Clara. She thanked me for telling her that.*

I took her place at Northside when she left the 6th grade to go to the library. She was an excellent 6th grade teacher and was liked by the ones she taught. She will be missed by so many.

Betty Brown

Betty Brown - November 13, 2019 at 05:27 PM