



Doris Morgan

April 24, 1913 - February 24, 2008

Doris May Chatlain Morgan a daughter, cowgirl, sister, wife, mother, aunt and teacher.

Doris May (Chatlain) Morgan 94 of Springdale died, February 24, 2008 in Springdale. She was born on the family ranch in Valier, Montana, April 24, 1913, to Arthur F. and Bessie King Chatlain.

Her parents, her brothers Paul and Phil Chatlain, and her husband Edward D. Morgan whom she married in October of 1942, preceded her in death.

Survivors include their children; son, Dr Edward C. Morgan and wife Linda of Temple, Texas, daughter, Cheryl Miller and husband Steve of Springdale and daughter, Renee Flynn and husband Bill of Little Rock, a sister June Chatlain Sands of Billings, Montana, Seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren , and many nieces and nephews in Montana and Arkansas.

Doris was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pine Bluff and served on the vestry and altar guild.

Doris graduated from Valier High School in 1931 and received her Bachelor's degree from Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio in 1935, and did graduate work at the University of Oregon. She taught English, Journalism, Algebra and

French for over 30 years starting at schools in Montana and later at Pine Bluff High School from 1951 until retirement in 1973.

Doris was an avid reader, enjoyed playing bridge, earning her "life Masters" in duplicate bridge, and loved to travel.

A memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 703 West 3rd Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601 or Circle of Life Hospice 901 Jones Rd., Springdale, Arkansas 72762

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Morgan*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ I was Doris Morgan’s daughter-in-law from 1974-1982, and I loved her dearly. She was loads of fun, especially in the kitchen, where our culinary efforts were aided by some pretty awesome gin & tonics! I owe much of my knowledge of cooking to her, and as I grew older, I began to appreciate how widely read she was. She always stressed the importance of reading as a way of keeping the mind sharp, and boy did it work for her! She loved to stay current.

I admired her adventurousness. She really had a great time on those Elderhostel trips. I can’t imagine how difficult it was to lose her husband and to regain her joy in living. She had real courage and an irrepressible spirit.

Doris knew how to draw the best out of a person, and she would sometimes ask penetrating questions that would require some honest reflection. “What is better,” she would say, “to talk about ideas, talk about people, or talk about things?” “What is the most important quality your life should have?”

“People are more important than things.” She loved to pack a picnic lunch and just drive out to a pretty spot to enjoy the outdoors together as a family. The darndest stories about Edward, Cheryl, and Renee would come out in a setting like this, and maybe some of the best jokes, too! She knew hard work as a child growing up on a ranch in Montana, and she adored having a good time with family and friends.

Although I never played bridge with her or knew her in the classroom, I can imagine how much she enjoyed those activities. She truly loved people. She was a natural-born storyteller with a twinkle-in-the-eye sense of humor, and she always knew an appropriate quote to fit the situation. One quote that stuck with me all these years is by Robert Frost, “Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.” Anytime you were around Doris Morgan, you felt at home, regardless of whether you had to be there or not! You KNEW you were loved.

*With love to Doris (because her spirit is still alive) and all her family,
Marie Kline
Belton, TX*

May 29, 2013 at 05:04 PM



“*Mrs. Morgan would laugh as she read the message that I just sent (which had typos in it). She'd say with that little smile she had, "See, Nancy, you stil can't type!" :-)*

March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“*Mrs. Morgan was one of my favorite teachers! I was a member of her journalism class and one of the editors of the Pine Cone during the 1957-1958 school year. She would accept nothing but the best from us, because she always gave her best to us. She taught us much more than just how to get out a newspaper week after week. When another teache slighted me by not announcing an award that I had earned, Mrs. Morgan was upset and made me receiving the award a front page story in the Pine Cone. Hard work, loyalty, and discipline, all leasons that we learned in her class. I am so glad that she was a part of my life!*

March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“*Doris Morgan was my grandmother. We all miss her dearly. She had the best since of humor and loved to laugh. It was so touching to read all the wonderful things everyone said about her. To know that she impacted so many lives means so much. I know she meant so so much to me and will always be remembered in my heart. I love you grandma.*

March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I did not have Ms. Morgan as a teacher in high school, lots of my friends did. Although she had the reputation among students as being a "hard" teacher, she was actually a very good one as students learned from her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Morgan was one of the most important people in all the years of my education. She inspired me to think and then encouraged me to write. She was a tough and fair critic and stuck with us through it all. Every time I sit down to write I think of her and her dedication to the most noble of all professions. She would always laugh in the strangest way when I would tell her that I wish I had known her when she was a cowgirl in Montana. Mrs. Morgan retired after my senior year and I'm sure that the stress we caused her during those years had a lot to do with that decision. I'm glad she spent many good and healthy years since those tumultuous times. A blessing to all her friends and family although the blessing has already been shared with each of us.

Mike Galster

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ While I was sad to hear the news of Mrs. Morgan's death, it made me recall many happy memories when she was our Pine Cone advisor. My introduction to journalism - through that experience - caused me to major in journalism. Please know that she touched many lives...and made a difference...for many of her students. My thoughts are with your family at this difficult time.

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs Morgan made Journalism fun. Even the art of selling ads for the Pine Cone seemed fun when she described it and sent us forth. We enjoyed her laughter, and by the way Stewart Whittle and I took the rollers from the typewriters in the Pine Cone room in 1957. (I think she always knew) Children and Family always know your mother made a great difference in the lives of her students. Thank you for sharing her with all of us. Peggie Brewer Sharp class of 1957 Pine Bluff High School.*

February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cheryl and Renee, Bill and I were sorry to read of your mother's death. Thinking of her brought back many memories for both of us. Bill was on the Pine Cone staff and I have many memories of her along with my mom as the dynamic duo of the English department at PBHS! What a pair!! I know there must have been days that Miss Martin and Miss Gamill wondered what they had done to deserve such "free thinkers" who wanted to "change things", God forbid!! Mother died in September, 2006...I know they will be glad to see each other!!*

Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and that we would love to see you. If you ever get back to Pine Bluff, we're still here!
Bill and Cheryl Fox

February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM