



Geneva Powers

January 15, 1943 - April 25, 2015

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, our Geneva departed this earthly world and home to go sing with the heavenly choir. Geneva Irene (Umbaugh) Powers was born on January 15, 1943 in Fayetteville, Arkansas to Richard G. Umbaugh and B. Juanita Shinpaugh Umbaugh.

Geneva was preceded in death by her parents and by her grandparents, J.C. and Maggie Shinpaugh and Loy and Myrtle Umbaugh.

Geneva is survived by her husband of 49 years, David, son, Travis L. Powers, grandchildren, Caylan and Jordan Powers, sister, Jo Anne U. Franco, and nephews Gino and Jon Franco, all of Springdale, and niece Maija Kreishman of Austin, Texas.

Geneva graduated from Springdale High School in 1961 and from the University of Arkansas in 1965 with a BSE in Music Education, magna cum laude, and she earned a Masters of Music in Voice in 1970. While at the University, she was a member of the U of A Schola Cantorum. In 1962, she traveled with Schola Cantorum to Arezzo, Italy where the choir won first prize in an International Polyphonic Acapella Music Competition. On the choir's return trip to Arkansas, they were invited to the White House, where they were introduced to President John F. Kennedy in the Rose Garden.

Geneva was the first Director of the Arts Center of the Ozarks at its present location from 1973 to 1978, and along with Lee Zachary and the Springdale Chamber of Commerce began development of the Arts Center into the viable facility that it is today.

Geneva was also the Chancel Choir Director at First United Methodist Church in Springdale for 25 years. She started her public school teaching career at Springdale High School in 1965-66, where she began the choral music program. She taught Choral Music for a total of 25 years in the Springdale School System, teaching at both Central Junior High and Springdale High School.

After her retirement from the school system, she continued teaching private voice lessons and assisted in the public school program, preparing students for contests and festivals. During her teaching career, Geneva touched thousands of music students' lives - introducing many to vocal music for the first time, encouraging others to continue in their development and working with many to receive college scholarships.

While serving as a choral director, the choirs directed by Geneva were recognized throughout the state and region as superior performing groups. Her choirs performed at numerous conventions of the Arkansas Choral Directors Association and were named Best of Show several times at the World's of Fun Festivals in Kansas City. Geneva served in many offices of the Arkansas Choral Directors Association, and she was named Outstanding Jr. High Choral Director in Arkansas.

Visitation for Geneva will be Tuesday, April 28, 2015 from 4 to 7pm at First United Methodist Church in Springdale.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at First

United Methodist Church in Springdale with Rev. Judy VanHoose and Rev. Carl Palmer officiating. Burial will follow in Bluff Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Geneva Powers Memorial Scholarship for a Springdale Public School Music Student, 804 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale, Arkansas 72764.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
206 W. Johnson Ave.
Springdale, AR 72764
info@firstchurchspringdale.org
<http://www.firstchurchspringdale.org>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Geneva Powers*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *I have very fond memories of Geneva in Schola Cantorum. She was always lively, happy and fun to be around. Rest in peace Geneva.*

Lawrence Thomas - November 30, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ *Many fond memories of working with Geneva at the early service at First United Methodist Church Springdale--playing organ and her singing and leading worship. Sing on, Geneva!*

Nan Nelson

Nan Nelson - November 15, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ *I would like to send my thoughts and prayers to Geneva's family. I met her many years ago when we were both young. She lived across Shiloh from my Grandparents Test. I often as we went to visit w/my Grandparents, I would try to see if she was able to play/visit. I believe we must have gotten acquainted a few years before that; but even in later years... I have tried to look her up. Finally did get to speak briefly over the phone. I never was able to find her (forgot her married name)...but I have often thought of her and the fun we use to have. I'll know where to find her now, in Our Lord's choir.
*Lacretia (Keeney) Goldner**

Lacretia Goldner - September 15, 2015 at 11:30 AM

LW

“ Candace and I are so very saddened to learn of the passing of one of the dearest and funniest people we have ever known. Geneva could tell a story like no one else, most being true experiences from her life and those of her family and friends.

We toured with Geneva many times with the Schola Cantorum of the U of A, under the direction of Richard Brothers. I especially remember the reaction of the singers when we stopped our first night out on one tour in Greenup, Illinois. Without anyone's knowing, Geneva rushed to the check-in of the motel, got the key to her room, went inside, and stuffed all the pillows into her blouse. She came back to the bus, where we were still unloading, waving her arms and yelling, "Don't drink the water"!

She was terribly afraid of flying, opining that they gave you all those drinks and peanuts to keep your mind off the fact that they knew the plane was going to crash. Of course, we teased her mercilessly, especially when boarding for our European-bound flights. I kept telling her that things would be fine, since I had seen the mechanics going around the plane using lots of super glue and Scotch tape.

Despite the fact that she loved to sing, she was almost as terrified of giving a solo recital as of flying. She refused to go on and off stage between groups of songs on her master's recital, or to take an intermission. She reasoned that staying on stage without breaks would just mean it was over with sooner.

There are so many memories flooding us right now. Most of all, we remember her smile and her infectious laughter. We send love and prayers to Geneva's family. May the Holy Spirit be your constant companion.

May the souls of the righteous, especially Geneva Powers, rest in Peace. AMEN.

Br. Louis Welcher, OP, Friar of the Dominican Order of Preachers,

*and Candace Welcher
Russellville, Arkansas*

Louis Welcher - May 04, 2015 at 10:36 PM

LW

“ *Louis Welcher lit a candle in memory of Geneva Powers*



Louis Welcher - May 04, 2015 at 10:16 PM

GP

“ *The family of Geneva Powers. We are praying for you during your time of loss. Geneva was a great person for the city of Springdale, will be missed by many. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, The Lord was searching for another member of the heavenly choir and he reached down and picked Geneva. I was talking to Jo Anne a few days ago and she told me about how her and Geneva would try to remember all the business on Emma Street. She said one had one side of the street and the other one had the other side. I remember the day when we had those stores down town. Jo Anne if I can help you with anything let me know.*

*Love and Prayers
John and Glenda Proud*

Glenda Proud - April 30, 2015 at 03:24 PM

MS

“ I just loved Geneva...she always had smile for everyone she met...was kind and gracious...She will be so missed....Her family will be in my prayers....

Meagan Steele

Meagan Steele - April 29, 2015 at 12:30 PM

JP

“ Jordan and Calyn, I was so sad to hear of your sweet Grandma's passing! She was an amazing lady who loved both of you soooooo much!!! You each will carry her with you as you go through your lives...make her proud and know that she is singing to you from heaven, excited about sharing it all with you one day!!

Joyce Pennington - April 29, 2015 at 07:27 AM

BH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Geneva's family. She was such a joy- with her quick wit and smile she would always brighten your day. The Bobby Hopper Family

Bobby and Lois Hopper - April 29, 2015 at 07:25 AM

LB

“ Heaven gained an amazing woman! My name is LaDawna Bolin. Mrs. Powers was my choir teacher in the early 90's. She had to be one of the most influential people in my music career. Just 2 weeks ago I was telling my children about her. She has left behind a legacy that will be sure to live on for many generations to come. I now live in Virginia and can not come to the funeral but I know I'll get to see her in Heaven and thank her for the way she touched my life. I have no doubt you have read or heard hundreds of stories like mine but I wanted to add my voice among the people that have been touched by Mrs. Powers. May God bless you and comfort you in your time of pain.

LaDawna Bolin - April 29, 2015 at 06:04 AM



“ Mrs. Powers meant so much to so many, but she always made you feel like you were important and special. How lucky we all are to have known her.

Mark Langley - April 28, 2015 at 11:47 PM

GR

“ My love & prayers to the entire family. You will have a lifetime of stories to share.
Geneva was so SO young when she began directing MY age at FUMC Youth Choir. BUT I later had the opportunity to teach with her at CJHS. The kids ADORED her. I walked into her room one day & saw her lying on the piano bench with her feet & hands kicking & waving in the air, expressing something to her class as only she could do to make a point.
Love to all, Gay Riner

Gay Riner - April 28, 2015 at 08:32 PM

LR

“ Mrs. Powers was a beautiful, bright light in the Springdale community. She taught, encouraged, loved, and inspired many, many youth in their most formidable years; I, being one of them. She lent her ear to this shy, awkward, insecure girl and heard something special that this girl didn't even know she had. Mrs Powers helped me find my voice and find the confidence to share it, and I have been sharing it ever since. I will be eternally grateful for her kindness and encouragement. Her sense of humor was infectious; Her smile brighter than any other in a room, and her love of music influential upon my life's journey in music. I am saddened by your departure, but your joyous memory will continue to sing its sweet song in my heart. Thank you for being great. Thank you for being fun. Thank you for caring. Thank you for teaching. Thank you for being you.

Lynetta Ivey Reid

Lynetta Ivey Reid - April 28, 2015 at 07:45 PM

RM

“ In the mid to late 60's I was taught by Mrs. Powers in the High School Chorus, Madrigal Singers, and Boys Double Quartet. In the 11th. grade I signed up for a Music Theory class. She called me in and told me that I was the only one that signed up that year. She asked, "How much to you want to take that class". I really wanted it. So, she stayed after her normal class schedule and taught me one on one. What a Lady.

Ron McLaughlin - April 28, 2015 at 07:25 PM

SB

“ Mrs. Powers was one of my choral directors at SHS. She was witty with a big personality. She could teach you how to improve while making you laugh. Sad to hear of her passing. She will be missed.

Sarah (Milford) Bowen - April 28, 2015 at 07:04 PM

JD

“ No matter where I saw her, she was always smiling and made me feel good just to be in her presence. She taught while i was at SHS and taught both my daughters and my son-in -law. We would visit while we waited for our children at Walker elementary. I cant believe I will never see that smile again. She never aged. Never slowed down. She was such a blessing to all who knew her. Springdale will not be the same wtihout her. But I know the heavenly choir is excited to have her. Good by sweet lady. Judi Davis

judi davis - April 28, 2015 at 06:55 PM

VS

“ I knew Geneva from Children's World when Caylan and Jordan attended. She was such a great lady and saw her last summer on the A&M train ride. It was so nice to meet up again after many years. Prayers for the family.

Virginia Scott - April 28, 2015 at 06:41 PM

DC

“ Jo Anne and family..... Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your precious sister. But, just think how the choir in heaven will sound with her wonderful talent added!
Love to you all,
Johnny and Danelle Carpenter

Danelle Carpenter - April 28, 2015 at 06:16 PM

CP

“ *The world will be a somewhat darker place with out her brightness shining in it. What a wonderful woman. May many happy memories comfort all of her family and especially memories of her fierce love and devotion assist Caylan and Jordan.*

Cindy P

Cindy Patton - April 28, 2015 at 05:55 PM



CC

“ *Geneva was my first mentor in Springdale when I moved here in 1974. She taught me so much and cracked me up so many times! She was the best music director I ever worked with. She would even tell me which notes to bring out or if I was playing too fast or overpowering the singer. The most favorite memory was when we were roommates on the SHS choir trip to Europe in Summer 2000. What a wonder for friend she was. Another memory was on the Rotary trip to Grand Lake and Jim was the new young President and when we walked in, she had everyone in our group yell "Moose! Moose! Moose!"*

Cathy Crouch - April 28, 2015 at 05:40 PM



“ *Mrs. Powers was a wonderful choir teacher, many took choir classes at CJHS. She was an amazing woman, words can not express how great a lady she was. She will be missed! R.I.P. and sing in heaven. We will see each other again someday. Monica Bush Klingman.*

Monica Klingman - April 28, 2015 at 04:46 PM

PH

“ *She was such a sweet lady. She was a blessing to all. There is no way words can describe her . Just AMAZING in every way. Will see you again one day.*

Penny Bush Huskey

penny huskey - April 28, 2015 at 04:33 PM

NE

“ *with deepest sympathy to the family, thoughts and prayers are sent your way. Nettie Everett*

Nettie Everett - April 28, 2015 at 04:14 PM

WH

“ *Mrs. Powers was one of the best teachers I ever had. She was funny, sharp witted, and kind. I learned an enormous amount about music from her between Central and First UMC. I also learned how to teach kids and make it fun. I use so much of what I learned from her when I coach young kids today. Thanks Mrs. Powers.*



Wade Huntsman - April 28, 2015 at 03:13 PM

VS

“ I first met Geneva when she was the Director at the Arts Center of the Ozarks. I worked for Lee Zachary at the Springdale Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber and the Arts Center worked very closely together. I always enjoyed being around Geneva. She was always in such a good mood. She always knew me when we met years after our working together was over. She will be missed. God's peace be with David and the family.

Virginia Stone (or known as Virginia from the Chamber office)

Virginia Stone - April 28, 2015 at 02:31 PM

CS

“ Growing up I used to visit with my 2-Grandmothers who lived on the corner of Shiloh & Huntsville in a little 'green house' a few doors down from Geneva and her family, and I loved visiting with Geneva also.

She was always so kind to me, putting up with "this little country girl" from Hickory Creek.

She still lived on Shiloh when my 2-Grandmothers moved to the South side of the across from the old Sisco Funeral Home used to be up on the corner of Emma & Shiloh.

I know Geneva is in a far far better place now, with our Lord.

Prayers to the family's she left behind....GOD BLESS

Cindy (Poling) Strawser SHS 1963

Cindy (Poling) Strawser - April 28, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories of Geneva Album



Sisco Funeral Chapel - April 28, 2015 at 10:30 AM

MW

“ Mrs. Powers was a very influential teacher in my life. She made me realize that I could do whatever I wanted as long as I worked hard at it. She didn't accept mediocrity when she saw the potential, and she did what was necessary to draw it out of you. I loved this lady, and will forever be indebted to her efforts to help me be the person I am today. My prayers are with her family.

Mindy (Pearson) Watkins - April 28, 2015 at 10:13 AM

SF

“ SourceGas Family purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Geneva Powers.



SourceGas Family - April 28, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Memories of Geneva Album*



Sisco Funeral Chapel - April 28, 2015 at 08:58 AM

HJ

“ *Mrs. Powers was the most fantastic music teacher EVER! She taught me that I could believe in myself and that I could use 'full voice' and not be so shy. She gave me the confidence to stand on a stage later in life and not pass out. She was a jewel and she will be missed tremendously. Reading her obit at work I cried and my coworkers thought something terrible had happened to a family member. It did. All my love to you Mrs. Powers and thank you for everything!*

Holly Jones - April 28, 2015 at 08:21 AM

DW

“ *She was a powerful part of my junior high years. She made me laugh and made me believe in myself. I remember traveling with her to a competition in Hot Springs one year. A car piled full of teenagers who never stopped talking of laughing. Most adults would toon us out or be annoyed. But not her. She actually listened to us and valued our voices. A true teacher through and through.*

Donna (Pitts) Wake - April 28, 2015 at 07:26 AM

MV

“ My prayers are with the Powers family. By the grace of God, may she rest in peace and perpetual line shine upon her. My favorite memory of Mrs. Powers was in London when we were in Harrod's dept. store and we were following Princess Diana around the store. She was standing at a counter and Mrs. Powers says she wants to see her up close and she grabs my hand and takes me with her to walk around the counter where Princess Diana was standing. We non-chalantly walk around that counter in front of her to see her up close. We were about 2 feet in front of her to see her up close. Ashe was silica a beautiful lady and that's a memory that sticks with me. I felt lucky to be the one standing next to Mrs. Powers that she took with her on that bold move. It was an honor to be one of her students and I attribute my singing talent to her.

Mindy Heath Vaupel - April 28, 2015 at 06:28 AM

AR

“ Geneva was an exceptional lady. I knew her best as a great choir director and attended musical workshops that she presented. The one story that I loved was the time that she crushed the chips and exchanged the lunches for a group of Junior Boys going on a field trip. Her wit was special to go along with the wonderful years of touching young peoples lives through music to the best of her ability. Those who have taught Junior High Choirs, know how challenging it can be and Geneva always met the challenge with directing many great choir students in her class. Certainly heaven is sweeter with her presence. Praying for strength and grace from our Lord! With deepest sympathy, Annette Rushing, Retired White Hall Junior High Choir Director!

Annette Rushing - April 28, 2015 at 02:02 AM

ME

“ Mrs. Powers Was always highly spoken of at SWJR when we were about to move onto SHS. It was such a delight to have her as one of my fondest memories in choir. She was the one teacher that made me realize what music was all about. May God bless you til we meet again!

melissa - April 28, 2015 at 01:04 AM

LB

“ I am so thankful to have been taught by this precious creation of God! I grew to love her quickly because she would sweetly tease me about my "southern accent"! She was vibrant in spirit and incredibly gifted and dedicated in all she did. May she forever sing among heavenly choirs!

Lane Bruton - April 28, 2015 at 12:16 AM

MB

“ Mrs. Powers was always bigger than life (whether it was in hair, loud tee shirts with huge shoulder pads, or voice). She was one of my favorite teachers in all my time in school. Thinking of her family now.

Mandy Burkett - April 27, 2015 at 11:47 PM

CB

“ She was the very best music instructor & the only teacher that successfully pranked me back after all the pranks I pulled on her at cjhs & shs. I remember one time when we had a choir concert the next day & I did not sway in the same direction as the rest of the choir bcuz I had no rythym or beat. She went to our basketball coach & pulled me from practice. Told me I had to march around her room until I could find the beat. Needless to say, I never made it back to practice that day. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to be one of her students. She was an amazing woman. A treasure to this earth & to many lives. Many heartfelt prayers sent to her family. We will continue to love & miss you Geneva! Until we meet again.

candee berck - April 27, 2015 at 11:25 PM

T(

“ She was a wonderful woman, she so full of life and laughter. She was the best music teacher anyone could ask for, never did she make me feel any lesser than another student. I can remember everything like it was yesterday. The bumble bee song over and over.



Tammi Johnson (Martin) - April 27, 2015 at 10:53 PM

“ It such a privledge to have had the opportunity to be Geneva's (Mrs. Powers') student. She taught me more than just singing a note. She had so much passion to unveil her student's gifts and was VERRRRY DIRECT about it :). She didn't HAVE to say a word(although she said plenty) her eyes could tell you EVERYTHING she was thinking and then some. We had the best time in her class and one of the most memorable time was our trip to Little Rock when I was in 8th grade. We made a stop at the State Capitol and we made huge circle right under the stain glass dome and sang "Ave Maria" accapella. People were coming out of their offices and tourist stopped to listen. When we finished I remember looking at Mrs. Powers and her eyes were watering, her voice was cracking and you could just see how proud and moved she was in that moment.... And apparently everyone else there Was touched, since they clapped and clapped and asked us to continue. We ended up doing a mini concert. It was an AMAZING occasion that forever will be imprinted in my memory.

Although, my husband Mike, who knew her outside of school because his best friend is her nephew... Was kicked out of her choir class for lack of the singing gift (lol) and was told he couldn't carry a tune in a bucket....TBH- nothing has changed... My poor man is completely tone-deaf. Lol

She always made me laugh with her sarcasm and wit and constantly had to say, "Nonni STOP TALKING""Nonni pay attention and be quiet" "Nonni face the front" (sometimes jokingly Most of the time not joking and with "the look")

Through out my Time in school and later whenever our paths crossed.... She continued to encourage me with some of her witty humor but always out of love... to use my gifts(cause if I don't use it- I'll lose it) and to do MY BEST at ALL things- whatever challenges that come my way! I will truly miss this amazing woman that influenced so many lives. My thoughts and prayers go out for her entire family!

I Love you guys!

"The song has ended but the melody lingers on" ~Irving Berlin

Nonni Mallard Jones

Nonni Jones - April 27, 2015 at 10:32 PM

SL

“ Geneva and I were good friends during our high school days. As years past we lost contact. About four years ago we emailed each other and caught up on our lives. On her trip to Italy in 1962 she brought back a beautiful pill box for me and I have always treasured it. Prayers for the family!

Sandra (Brand) Larson - April 27, 2015 at 10:11 PM

IF

“ Mrs. Powers was one of my favorite teachers. I was one of the lucky few who got to have her in both jr. high and high school. She was always so witty. I admired that about her. I loved her vowel pronunciation demonstrations. I remember any given number of performances being lined up in the hallway back stage, and Mrs. Powers telling the boys to tuck their shirts in and the girls to put on their shoes. She was a special lady and there are many people she touched. My heart goes out to her family in this time of loss.

Isaac Featherston - April 27, 2015 at 09:47 PM

KT

“ I really am a loss where to start. Mrs Powers was my choir director in 8th and 9th grade. She was an amazing director. I loved her laugh and crazy hair. Her mantra could have been go big or go home. I have so many great choir memories and we still tell choir stories and laugh about them over 30 years later. We loved her Travis stories. After I graduated and started college I was a substitute teacher for Central and Mrs Powers would always request me to sub in her class. It was so much fun to interact with her. I also coached some of her students to prepare for all region try-outs. She would randomly call me when she needed help with something. She really helped boost my confidence. The first year my daughter went to ACC choir camp she had fond memories of Mrs. Powers as well. Thoughts and prayers to her family. She touched so many lives. The heavenly choirs are much richer and energetic tonight.

Kim Tisdale - April 27, 2015 at 09:44 PM

CF

“ Mrs. Powers made me love choir and singing in 8th grade. I was then lucky enough to get to have her for three more years at SHS!! Mrs. Powers was a truly beautiful person, and I'm blessed to have been her student. She will be sincerely missed!

Cori (Keen) Fryar - April 27, 2015 at 09:30 PM

SG

“ Sandra Henington, Thornbrugh, Goodnight lit a candle in memory of Geneva Powers



sandra henington, thornbrugh, goodnight - April 27, 2015 at 09:21 PM

SG

“ Love the way she was always happy and always willing to help you understand things in choir

sandra henington, thornbrugh, goodnight - April 27, 2015 at 09:21 PM

AM

“ Mrs. Powers was my favorite part of junior high. I saw her a few weeks ago out the window of the gym as she was getting coffee next door and she looked the same as I remembered her. Brought back memories. Prayers for her family.

April Mussino - April 27, 2015 at 08:54 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Powers was one of my favorite teachers and she encouraged me to keep singing. She inspired so many students and she will be greatly missed.

Melonie Bosch - April 27, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ I am so sad to hear this. I will see her at the Library. She could sing she was my 7th grade teacher. My heart goes out to Travis and the family. Jesus has a amazing soul with him. Prayers for the family.

Heather Baker Evans - April 27, 2015 at 08:35 PM



I will miss seeing her at Library.

Heather Baker Evans - April 27, 2015 at 08:39 PM

RR

“ I am saddened to learn of her passing. All kinds of memories flooded my mind when I heard the news. The one that ALWAYS brings a smile to my face really helped me through the tough time of puberty and when my voice was cracking. Every day when I would walk into choir she would see me, smile and ask "So Rodney, which will you be singing today. Tenor or Bass?" I will never forget her big bright smile. Much love to you Mrs Powers! Prayers for her family.

Rodney Robinson - April 27, 2015 at 08:22 PM

SB

“ I loved Mrs. Powers as my choir teacher. She was always a caring person and to help her students. Prayers are with the family. Sara Harrell Burke

sara burke - April 27, 2015 at 08:16 PM

MD

“ I remember when I was at Central I would listen to Mrs. Powers sing. She was a wonderful lady and she will be greatly missed. I would like to send my prayers and sympathy to the family.

Melissa DePuy - April 27, 2015 at 07:52 PM

TE

“ Prayers for Gods comfort for the Powers family- While living in Springdale some years back, I met Geneva, she was a positive, energetic happy singing heart- I'm glad to have met her.

Tammy Elsey - April 27, 2015 at 07:43 PM



“ I loved to listen to Mrs. Powers sing in Church. I will never forget the many years of Vacation Bible School with good memories of Good Times! She is truly a very special lady who will be missed by many. Prayers and Positive energy to all.

Erin Mohney Byrd - April 27, 2015 at 07:43 PM

SB

“ I will miss your smile and your wonder sense of humor. I know you will sing with the Angels. Prayers for your family. Sonja Bennett

Sonja Bennett - April 27, 2015 at 07:43 PM



“ Mrs. Powers was a force to reckon with, a lady of the first water, and one of my favorite teachers. She never failed to encourage my dreams and give me ways to be a better singer and a better person. I'll miss her, and I am so,glad people saw the greatness in her that I did.

Sara Ann - April 27, 2015 at 07:36 PM

AM

“ Mrs. Powers was an inspiration to all, and will be greatly missed. After taking choir for several years before high school she is the one the inspired me to keep singing when I thought about quitting. She really brought forth my love of music and made singing fun again. Always a smile on her face, a joke to tell, & never a dull moment with her. Mrs. Powers may you conduct the choir of angels now.

amber maze - April 27, 2015 at 07:33 PM

MT

“ Mrs. Powers always had confidence in us. She loved what she did. She was a huge impact in my life. And to this day I love to sing and it all started with her. She will be missed. I ran into her a few years ago at Family Dollar in Springdale and she gave me a hug. She was an amazing lady. Prayers for her family during this difficult time.

Melissa Hall Timmons - April 27, 2015 at 07:26 PM

RE

“ I was never in choir but Mrs. Powers was always visiting with me in the halls about what was going on in my life and offering encouragement. She truly lived teaching and it showed. She had a beautiful soul that will be dearly missed! My thoughts and prayers are with the Powers and Franco families.

Renee Evans-Malouf - April 27, 2015 at 07:15 PM



“ Mrs. Power's was loved by all of her students. She was a wonderful inspiration and teacher. Our prayers are with your family at this time.

Sarah Collins-Garcia - April 27, 2015 at 07:08 PM

T"

“ Praying for your family at this difficult time. Mrs. Powers was such a wonderful teacher. She loved her students throughout her years and was a major confidence builder! We love you!

Tammy Calder "Bond" - April 27, 2015 at 06:57 PM

SH

“ No other teacher in all of my time in school had more of a impact on my life than Mrs. Powers. I think of the good times I had with her in her choir class. All memories all the good times,Wow. These wear some of the best times of my childhood. I am saddened to hear of her passing but I know I will see her again in Heaven. She taught me so much not just about choir and sing but about living. What a teacher What a lady!

Stephen Howerton - April 27, 2015 at 06:53 PM

JF

“ Geneva and I graduated from Springdale High in the tear 1961. Thinking of her family and praying for peace for all.

jeanie Fulfer - April 27, 2015 at 06:40 PM

TH

“ Trulyenjoyed seeing her everyday in Jr high. She always positive and kind even if u didnt take choir. Truly will be missed.

trish hammer hulseey - April 27, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ Mrs. Powers helped mold me into the person I am today. She taught me so much about music. She inspired me so much as a singer. Thanks to her I am a member of my church choir and use everything she taught me. She will be extremely missed, but never forgotten.



Ashley Barnhill - April 27, 2015 at 06:38 PM



Chanda
Boyd

“ *Mrs. Powers was a major influence on my young life. I remember she used to get mad at me for not singing loud enough. She gave me the confidence to use my voice. The memories of singing in chantez at CJHS are still treasured. What a beautiful soul. She will truly be missed!!*

Chanda Boyd - April 27, 2015 at 05:31 PM

KD

“ *I loved Mrs. Powers so much. She's why I still drink hot tea with honey in it when I'm sick, "even Mariah Carey does it!" She's the 1 who explained to me why being short and on the front row is actually a good thing. She's who I think of everytime I see a brown piano or oreos. She hugged me every time I saw her outside of class. She had THE BEST HUGS. My daughter started choir this year and she knows Mrs. Powers' by name I tell so many stories about her. More than a teacher though she made an impact on everyone who met her. She couldn't have helped it if she had wanted to! My prayers are with her family and everyone who loved her. God bless her!*

Kristin Davidson - April 27, 2015 at 05:16 PM

CJ

“ *Mrs. Powers was a wonderful woman. She pushed us to be great, threw pencils at us when we weren't so great (this always made us laugh), and treated us like we were her own. She was a phenomenal choir teacher. God has a singing angel sitting beside him.*

Chrissy Jackson - April 27, 2015 at 05:06 PM

AE

“ I absolutely loved my days at Central singing in Blue Magic with Mrs. Powers. She was such a bundle of energy and fun and I am a better person for knowing her!

Amy Elmore - April 27, 2015 at 05:02 PM

AP

“ Geneva was my sons voice teacher for two years. I would come with him and listen to them. She gave him so much knowledge and confidence that he made first chair all-region his senior year at Harber High school. She also came and played for him for a solo at Candlelight night which I know she did not do often. She also helped him prepare for an audition for a college scholarship at UCA. I know her grandchildren were the light of her life and I pray for strength for them and all of her family. She was so loved and will be missed by so many. Alicia Padgett

alicia padgett - April 27, 2015 at 04:54 PM

TC

“ Me. Powers was such a personality! She made me WANT to be better. She may have seemed harsh at first, but was such a loving, genuinely compassionate person, who cared deeply for her students. She was so much fun during our high school plays and musicals, making sure we were relaxed and ready to be our best. The next generation will be worse off without her.

Ty Carlson - April 27, 2015 at 04:37 PM



Jennifer Dailey

“ I've known Geneva since before dirt it seems. Anyone who was in choir in the Springdale School District probably feels the same. I got to know the REAL Geneva when I was blessed enough to be her daughter in law. Though that title has changed....my love and appreciation for her have not. She was the best crazy voice lullabye singin', dry humor joke tellin', and loudest voice in the stands at a game Grandma! Our kiddos completely adored her! I loved listening to her teach lessons from another room with my kids. She had such a humorous yet serious approach to teaching. She was loved by so many. This world will be a little less musical without you G-ba! Love you and miss you.

Jennifer Dailey - April 27, 2015 at 04:09 PM

MS

“ Geneva was one of the kindest women I have ever known. She was willing to share all she knew about the art of teaching choral music with anyone who was willing to learn. Geneva was an inspiration to all who knew her and a witty, caring colleague for hundreds of directors around the state of Arkansas. I will never forget her smile, her wit, or her laughter. She was a shining light to her students and to those who worked with her in the field of education. May God bless you at this time. There are many others who are feeling your loss, too.

Mary Sargo Schapiro

Mary Sargo - April 27, 2015 at 04:09 PM



“ Wonderful memories of being in Blue Magic at CJHS. She was one of the few teachers that made me what to be at school. Will be remembered fondly. Prayers to her family and friends.

Laqueta Thibodeaux - April 27, 2015 at 04:02 PM

KP

“ I always appreciated as a student, and now as a teacher, how Geneva took time to really get to know each and every one of her students. I still enjoyed (even after graduating 20 years ago) running into her at Hellstern and George Jr. High. She was a very special person who had a HUGE impact on many, many lives. She raised the bar high for her students and colleagues; she was one of a kind and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to you.~ Kaci Bowman Phipps

Kaci Phipps - April 27, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ Such a wonderful woman, she will be missed. I have fond memories of the CJHS Choir and will never forget her for being honest and telling me "Just mouth the words; don't actually sing"! Over the years I have thought of that moment and laughed so many times. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Michelle Pegram - April 27, 2015 at 03:46 PM

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Beth Parnell - April 27, 2015 at 03:30 PM