



## Ida Mae Freeman

September 15, 1927 - July 27, 2018

Ida Mae Freeman passed away Friday, July 27, 2018 in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born September 15, 1927 the daughter of Ralph and Lillian Adams in Wagoner, Oklahoma.

She was a 1945 graduate of Wagoner High School where she was Drum Major of the Marching Band, voted Best Girl Citizen and Annual Queen. After graduation she enrolled for the summer semester at Oklahoma A&M (OSU) in Stillwater. She pledged Pi Beta Phi and was elected President of her pledge class and Secretary of the Freshman class. She had two years at OSU and graduated with a B.A. in Science and Education in August of 1947 she married her high school sweetheart, John Thomas Freeman, who had just returned from his Naval Tour of Duty with the SeaBees in Okinawa, Japan. They continued their college education at Northeastern State in Tahlequah while living in Wagoner, Oklahoma, they then moved to Oklahoma City where they decided to move to Santa Ana, California where they lived and taught school for five years. They then moved back to Oklahoma so John could earn his degree. Ida earned her Masters and taught for two years at Ellington Elementary in Wagoner.

In 1964 the Freemans returned to California where they both taught school for nineteen happy years, retiring in 1984, they then moved to Springdale, Arkansas where they attended the First Baptist Church of Springdale and Ida sang in the choir for twenty five years. She also volunteered at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale for seventeen years earning 5,000 hours of service.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and her husband.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be Saturday August 4, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at Cross Church of Springdale, with Charlie Foster and Larry Colclasure officiating. Burial will follow at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale.

Visitation will be one hour before service starting at 12:00 P.M.

Online condolences may be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street  
Springdale, AR 72764

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cross Church - Springdale  
1709 Johnson Road  
Springdale, AR 72762

## Funeral Service

AUG 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ida Mae Freeman*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

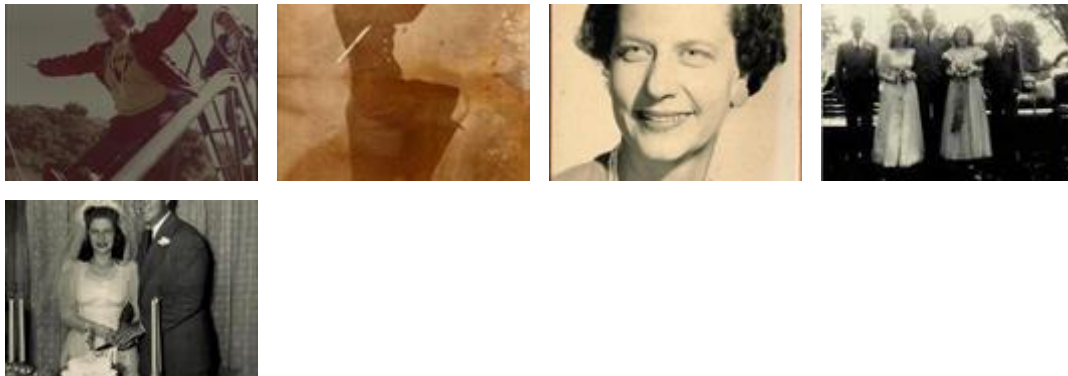


“ *If anyone were to ask me what teacher I remembered most fondly from my childhood, my answer would be Mrs. Freeman. I am almost 2 years late in writing this as I never followed up with her after I left Serrano Elementary. With my daughter graduating recently, nostalgia led me to do a google search of her name (I still remember her first name of Ida as that was not common in Southern California). Of course, my search led me to her obituary. I wish I could have told her of the impact she had on me as a fourth grader in 1977/78. She was so warm and friendly but firm and organized. I remember her liking me and making me feel welcome to always talk to her. She created a fun and positive environment and I will never forget her. Thank you for taking care of me and contributing to my life, Mrs. Freeman. Love, Kenny.*

Ken - July 14, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *21 files added to the album Memories of Ida Mae Album*



Sisco Funeral Chapel - August 02, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ *I believe Mrs. Freeman was my 5th grade teacher in Santa Ana. I was amazed when I read her obituary. I always remembered her as she was one of my favorite teachers. We moved here in 1962. I now volunteer at Northwest Medical Center - I only wish our lives had crossed one more time here in Springdale.*

Claudia Brewer - August 01, 2018 at 06:50 AM

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*I am certain that Aunt Idy (as we called her) would have been thrilled to have reconnected with you, Claudia Brewer, thank you for your remarks. Kay Tapp*

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**Kay Tapp** - August 09, 2018 at 02:09 PM

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*I just discovered that Mrs. Freeman had passed. She was my fifth grade teacher at Serrano Elementary in 65-66 and made a huge impact on me. Through a friend I found her a few years ago and we communicated. I'm so grateful I was able to tell her how much I valued what she taught me. -Peggy S.*

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**Peggy Stevenson** - September 24, 2018 at 05:56 PM