



Ruby Nell Nicholson

May 13, 1940 - March 17, 2015

Dr. Ruby Nell Peake Cummings Nicholson, age 74, of Scottsboro, AL went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior on March 17, 2015.

Dr. Nicholson graduated from Phil Campbell, AL High School. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Florence State College (UNA), while raising three daughters. She taught fifth grade in the Tuscumbia City School system and obtained her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from UNA.

Dr. Nicholson accepted a Fellowship from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and with great determination she completed her Doctorate Degree in Elementary Education by the time she was thirty years old. That same year she accepted a professor position at Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, AL, where she taught for 28 years. She supervised student teachers, taught masters level graduate classes, and served as an advisor. She was appointed and served on the Board of the Alabama Womens Commission for many years. By the time she retired, Dr. Nicholson served as the Chairman of the Department of Elementary Education and Early Childhood at A&M.

During her teaching career, Dr. Nicholson inspired, motivated, and encouraged so many lives. She often saw many of her former students who would tell her how much they loved her and how she influenced them in making life changing decisions. She lived as a positive example for everyone. Dr. Nicholson enjoyed traveling the world and no matter where she went, she made friends and never met a stranger. She traveled to 85 countries, some

more than once. She would often say (in the words of Forrest Gump) "At least I ain't led no humdrum life". Travel was her passion and in her spirit.

Dr. Nicholson loved her family and friends. She also loved genealogy and researching her family tree and others. She was truly passionate about family history and ancestry. In elementary school she began a lifelong friendship with her British pen pal Glennis Woodward.

Dr. Nicholson is preceded in death by her beloved daughter Nancy Renee Cummings of Tucker, GA, her parents, Ruby Wood and Freeman A. Peake of Phil Campbell, AL, special cousins Dr. Robert V. Wood of Huntsville, AL and Lynn Whatley of Double Springs, AL

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, her daughters Sharon Cummings Wells Johnson (Larry/Peach) of Huntsville, AL, Julie Cummings Sands (Randy) of Scottsboro, AL (formerly of Atlanta, GA), and Kyoko Sears (Tim) of Huntsville, AL, sisters Margie Peake Cox (Larry) of Ocoee, FL and Karen Peake Graben (Rick) of Phil Campbell, AL, grandchildren, Allison Wells Parrish (Denny) and Evan Wells of Huntsville, AL, Samuel Sands of Atlanta, GA, Nori Horton-Royer (John) of Louisville, KY, Emily Horton of Athens, GA, and Thomas Sears of Huntsville, AL, 5 great-grandchildren, cherished Uncle James Peak (Vivian) of Double Springs, AL, nephew Alex Graben (Amy) of Muscle Shoals, AL, nieces Elishaba Larson (Carl) of Guntersville, AL and Melissa Sirek (Alex) of Mt. Dora, FL, and many beloved cousins, family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on March 28, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at Scottsboro Funeral Home in Scottsboro, AL with Minister Ed Herring officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before the service. A family and friends graveside service will be held on April 4, 2015, at 12:00 noon at Phil Campbell, AL City Cemetery where her daughter, parents and great grandparents are interred.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kayleigh's Haven Animal Rescue, 1602 Veterans Drive, Scottsboro, AL, 35769, (256) 574-5278.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby Nell Nicholson*

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“ *I greatly admired my sister-in-law Nell. She could get more accomplished in less time than anyone I have known.*

How she cooked a big meal and have all the cooking pans clean before she put delicious food on the table amazed me.

She had a way of knowing the right thing to say in any situation. I always felt better after talking with Nell. She taught one of the my classes when I was working on my maters degree so I know what an outstanding impact she had on her students.

She reached out to me wein I lost my youngest child, Melinda. Nell also lost her daughter Renee at a young age. We ate lunch and cried a lot because we understood each others emptiness and tears over the loss of our daughters. I miss not having her to turn to for comfort.

I will love her always.

Frances Nicholson Byrd - March 31, 2015 at 10:00 AM

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“*Dr. Nicholson, "Nell", was a colleague and close personal friend. We not only taught together but traveled to India, China, and Turkey. After retirement we spoke often and had lunch together where she would regale me with stories of her most recent trip. She was a gifted teacher, a indefatigable traveler, and a great lady. She will be greatly missed.*

Lakin Boyd

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