



Maurice Edna Cantrell

December 21, 1917 - September 24, 2010

Maurice Edna (Cunningham) Cantrell was born in Sanger, Texas on December 21, 1917 and reared in Prosper, Texas. She graduated from Prosper High School in 1934 at the age of 16 and from Texas Woman's University in 1938 at the age of 20. Maurice married Grady Cantrell of Frisco, Texas in 1938. She received her Masters Degree from Southern Methodist University in Administration and Supervision in 1953. She was a successful business woman and owner of numerous businesses in Frisco and Prosper with her husband. Maurice taught in Abernathy, Texas prior to moving to California. She taught in Berkley, California in the 1940's and remained in contact with one of her students until the time of her death. Upon returning to Texas she taught kindergarten, first, second and third grade at Letot and Harry C. Withers Elementary in Dallas, Texas. She taught in Dallas from 1948 until 1982 when she retired. She is an honorary life member of the PTA of Dallas and a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. She became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Frisco in 1948 and spent many an hour with her sister and friends folding the Sunday programs each week for 10 years. Maurice became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Frisco #93 on February 22, 1949. She was Worthy Matron and her husband Worthy Patron of the Frisco Chapter #93 in 1956. She received her 50 year pin on April 13, 1999 and her 60 year pin in 2009. Maurice was the Cherished mother of Nan and mother-in-law to Jerry Jones of Frisco, Texas; adoring Mymaw to Jack M. Scott, III of London, Ontario, Canada, Charles H. Scott, Jr. and wife, Mary of Austin, Texas; treasured aunt to her nieces, great nieces and nephew and great great nieces. Maurice is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Grady Cantrell who passed away in 1964; her parents, Mazie and ET Cunningham; sisters, Bernice Dean and Rose Drees. She met each challenge in her path with grace and wisdom and it was the gift of herself that she gave to others. The family will receive friends at a Visitation to be held at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Frisco, Texas beginning at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 27, 2010. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church of Frisco with Rev. Bill Meek officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, Texas.

Memorials

I am a little late but Ms. Cantrell's spirit lives on. She taught me to read at Letot in 1952 and "look, look, look" at the world with joy and awe ("oh,oh,oh!"). I myself am in my 44th year of teaching, hoping to carry on that spirit. Hello, Ms. Cantrell, from Candy.

ANNE POWELL, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

Please accept my condolences. I believe you must have many happy memories to help ease the pain of your loss! I would love to talk to a member of the Cantrell family, as I believe we share some of the same ancestors. My mother was a Brooks and born in the Zion community North of Frisco. (i909) I have only recently become aware of this connection and am interested in knowing if we are, indeed, related. ejoycep@sbcglobal.net or Joyce Peterman, 107 S. Kentucky, Celina, TX. 75009. I would appreciate hearing from you.

JOYCE PETERMAN, OCTOBER 18, 2010

I GREW UP IN PROSPER AND KNEW MAURICE AND GRADY. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN AND WILL BE MISSED. ALSO KNEW HER FATHER AND MOTHER. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY.

BILL HAYS, OCTOBER 7, 2010

Nan, Jerry, Jack, and Charlie, I just found out tonight and my heart is heavy. She was such a great lady. Jack and I spent so many hours with her as kids, I always thought of her as a my Memaw I never had. I remember one of the first nights I stayed at her house with Jack, she was preparing for a garage sale. Since I lived in the boonies, I had never had a garage sale and I was so excited to help yall set it up. I remember helping organize years and years of teaching material she was putting in the sale. I kept asking her if I could have this and if I could have that. If she could have given me all the stuff I asked for, she probably would have, but wouldn't have made any money from the sale. She still sent me home with a load of stuff though! She treated me like her own grandson, and I always felt loved when I was with her and your family. If you need anything, let me know.

JASON ROGERS, OCTOBER 1, 2010

Dear Nan, Jerry, Charlie, Mary & Jack, I have so many wonderful memories of

Maurice: her teaching me to read using the Reader's Digest, staying with her in Frisco during the summers, going to Acapulco with her and Mother! She was a wonderful Aunt and Great Aunt and such an important part of my life. She will be missed. All our love, Debbie, Steve, Michelle & Sean Kelly

DEBBIE KELLY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Dear Nan and Family, Your beautiful mother was such a lovely and kind person, and I know that you will miss her deeply. I know that the thousands of children she taught in the schools must have loved her also. My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this time of sorrow. Love, Janice Scott

JANICE KAYE SCOTT, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Nan, I am holding you in my thoughts and prayers.

LLOYD NICHOLS, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Mymaw was a special lady and I am so glad I was able to meet her, if only one time. She was so full of life and it is clear from the way Jack and the rest of the family talk about her that she had a positive influence on many people. My apologies for not being able to be there with you, but please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

MARLENE BAGATTO, LONDON, CANADA, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Nan and Family: Maurice was such a beautiful lady. She was always so very sweet to me when we were kids and since. You have been a wonderful daughter and I know she was so very proud of you. My love goes out to you and yours.

NIKKI P. BOLAND, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

Nan, I am so sorry we have lost Maurice. So many memories rushed through my mind this morning when I read the obituary. She was kind, fun, helpful, loving and so nurturing to countless school children. I got to see her in action in the classroom at Letot. My college roommate did her practice teaching under "Mrs. Cantrell"; and I was invited to sit in one day. I think Maurice would have loved the fact that Cynthia taught until 2000--first grade--and always "the way Mrs. Cantrell taught her"--great enthusiasm. I am so sorry for your loss; and for mine, as well. Nola Jo Staley Springfield

NOLA JO STALEY SPRINGFIELD, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

Our sorrow and prayers are with the family

ROY & CAROLYN CANNON, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

Dear Nan, I of course did not know your Mom, but from the conversation we had today and from reading her obituary, I can see what a special woman she was. You made the comment that you felt honored to care for her in her later years. I feel honored to be the person here at Restland to be taking care of you! Regards, Pam

PAMELA COMPTON AT RESTLAND, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

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