



Mildred Armstrong Bennett

August 23, 1915 - October 27, 2018

Mildred Armstrong Bennett of McKinney, Texas passed away October 27, 2018, at the age of 103. She was born August 23, 1915, to Robert Armstrong and Florence (Moncrief) Armstrong in Cleburne, Texas. Mildred graduated from Cleburne High School in 1934. She married Dean Bennett on August 27, 1939 in Cleburne, Texas. Mildred received a Bachelor's Degree from Texas State College for Women (now known as Texas Women University). She received a Master's Degree from North Texas State Teachers College in Denton, Texas. Mildred worked in the Brownsboro ISD from 1938-1939, before teaching in the Big Spring ISD for 15 years. She moved to McKinney where she started teaching in the fall of 1954. Mildred taught third grade for four years. She then moved to high school where she taught Typing II, Shorthand I and II, and Secretarial Training. She had many students compete at the district and state levels. Mildred retired from McKinney ISD in the spring of 1978 after teaching 24 years in the district. Her professional organizations included, Texas State Teachers Association, Classroom Teacher Association, Secretarial Association and the Collin County Retired Teachers Association where she served as the health and finance officer and the association's historian. Mildred was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in McKinney. In 2002, The Dean and Mildred Bennett Elementary School was dedicated in their honor.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Bennett of Forney, Texas and David Bennett and wife, Cathy of Houston, Texas; grandchildren, Barry Bennett and wife, Susan of College Station, Texas; great-grandchildren, Colton Bennett and Kylie Bennett; and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Bennett, parents, brothers, Herbert Armstrong, Bob Armstrong, J.C. Armstrong and sisters, Eva Corse and Lucille Orr.

The family wishes to thank Mildred's caregivers, Nancy Dotson, Debbie Bell and Rhonda Young.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas with Rev. June Franck officiating. Interment is to follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials

I remember Mrs. Bennett quite well. She was a very nice person and teacher. Well respected. My sympathy to her family. MHS 1962

CINDY ALLEN DOWELL, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God bless and comfort you all during this difficult time. Sincerely, The Eldridge and Sullivan Family

JILL SULLIVAN, OCTOBER 30, 2018

I first met Mike and his parents in the 7th grade, they became my second family, especially when I was living in McKinney on my own while attending North Texas State. I took typing from Mrs Bennett in high school and she always said she would move me to the back of the class to stop me from talking! They were such a stabilizing factor in my life. When Marcia Merriman and I were getting married, she helped my Mother with arranging the rehearsal dinner. They both came to my graduation from U.S. Air Force pilot training in 1968. They were much loved and will be remembered until I too am called home.

BOB MATZINGER, OCTOBER 30, 2018

Mildred was such a lovely lady in many ways. She and Dean affected many lives in our community with their long years in education. How great to live to 103 in such a graceful way. Blessings to all your family.

SANDRA SHELTON, OCTOBER 30, 2018

I had the pleasure of meeting both Mildred and Dean Bennett at the dedication ceremony of Bennett Elementary. Over the years Mildred was a frequent presence at other district ceremonies honoring namesakes. As a MISD educator, what a legacy and inspiration Mildred was to everyone. She and Dean have earned a place of honor in the hearts of McKinney. My condolences to the family.

JULI FERRARO, OCTOBER 29, 2018

My heart goes out to Mrs. Bennett's family, Mike, David, Cathy, and all the

others. She was an exceptional lady and teacher. I had her for typing and secretarial training in MHS, she taught us well on how and what to do entering the work force. So many times I had mentally thanked Mrs. Bennett for her explanations, teaching on the proper ways to apply oneself for a job. She was a super good lady, teacher who cared about her students. How she ever put up with all of us amazes me, even to this day. My prayers go out to her family, she was special.

FAYE LINDLEY TERRY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

Mrs. Bennett was a wonderful teacher. I so enjoyed her class in Secretarial Training. And she was a fine lady as well as a great role model to all of us who knew her. She indeed left a lasting legacy and had a tremendous impact on people whose lives she touched along the way. I'm so sorry that I will be unable to attend the visitation and the memorial service. However, I will be praying for the family as you honor her life and remember all the good times.

CAROLYN PITTS CORBIN, OCTOBER 29, 2018

What sweet, patient and forbearing neighbors Mr and Mrs. Bennet were to the Bergman children and dogs. Our condolences.

BARBARA BERGMAN ROBERTSON, OCTOBER 29, 2018

She was such a light in our lives! She was one of a kind. The boys and I will miss our visits with her.

BETH LOWRY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

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