



Miss Jean Kerr

January 5, 2013

Dorothy Jean Kerr, 87, died Friday, January 4, 2013, at her home in West Point, Mississippi. She was born March 6, 1925, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, to the late Lottie Beatrice Johnston Kerr and John Brice Kerr. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Martha Eileen Addkison, Julia Elizabeth Kerr, and John Brice Kerr. She is survived by her sister, Frances Kerr Botsford of Benton, Arkansas; seven nieces and nephews; and many great and great-great nieces and nephews. Ms. Kerr graduated from West Point High School in 1941 and from MSCW in 1945. She received her master's degree from Mississippi State in 1955. She taught high school mathematics for 41 years in Mississippi, New Mexico, and Utah, retiring in 1985. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, EPC, West Point, MS. Visitation will be on Saturday, January 5, from 5-7 p.m. at Calvert Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 6, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, EPC, with the Rev. Steve Davis officiating. The body will lie at the church from 1:00 p.m. until service time. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery, West Point, Mississippi. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers will be Brice Kerr, Jim Kerr, Rick Daniel, Ryan Daniel, Rhett Daniel, Wade Willmott, Cameron Beyers, Joe Salmon, and Randy Simmons. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. T. N. Braddock, Frank Autry, Billy Faye Simmons, Jake Garrett, and Lamar Powers. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, EPC, P. O. Box 366, West Point, MS 39773 or French Camp Academy, One Fine Place, French

Camp, MS 39745.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ I remember my years at Wasatch Academy like they were yesterday. Miss Kerr was an inspiration to me and countless other students through the years. She was a great teacher, and helped put me on the road to a successful life. She will be missed. God bless her. I will remember her forever.

Richard McKee - January 24, 2013 at 10:05 AM

T1

“ There was no finer teacher than Miss Kerr. Not only did she excel at what she did but she took genuine interest in every student. She would invite each student to her house to review their final exam and had a gentle way of keeping the best students humble and giving the poorest students great encouragement. She left a tremendous mark upon so many and leaves behind a wonderful testimony of a quality, passionate human being. I will cherish my memories of her.

Tom Eliel - class of 1971 - January 22, 2013 at 08:26 AM

MS

“ Miss Kerr was an inspiration to her students and faculty alike at Wasatch Academy. She helped me after school many times until geometry finally clicked. She cared about the students and dedicated her life to teaching. Sympathy and prayers to her family and friends.

Margaret Whitaker Stockes - January 09, 2013 at 09:44 PM

NH

“ Miss Kerr was the finest math teacher I ever had. She taught me geometry and algebra at Wasatch Academy in 1968 and 1969, and she knew how to explain difficult concepts like no one else could. I was one of a few students who served on the disciplinary committee with her and I will never forget her saying "We are consistently inconsistent!" She cooked dinner for me and my boyfriend and welcomed us into her home on the Wasatch campus. She was one of the finest people I ever met. My deepest condolences to her family, I know she will be greatly missed.

Nancy Hewitt - January 09, 2013 at 03:35 PM

NB

“ Miss Kerr was a bright spot at Wasatch. She helped me so much to learn algebra and geometry, but what I remember most was her approach to teaching and to life. She was warm and accepting and had a terrific sense of humor. A special lady.

Nina (Cox) Burford - January 09, 2013 at 09:47 AM

SH

“ Miss Kerr made a tremendous impact on me and my education as my math teacher at Wasatch Academy. She was an amazing teacher. I want you all to know how loved and respected she was there. She has been in my thoughts many times over the years, and my thoughts and prayers are with you all now.

Sue Stringham Henich - January 08, 2013 at 08:49 PM

GP

“ Ms. Kerr was my favorite teacher at Wasatch Academy and I have never forgotten her. She made math fun and interesting, and could teach the most difficult concept. I really cannot express how much her and her teaching stayed with me for the rest of my life. My most heartfelt sympathy.

Ginny Harders Ponte - January 08, 2013 at 12:12 PM

K1

“ I was so sorry to hear of Miss Kerr's passing. She was my favorite teacher and made math fun. She was a kind, compassionate person and will be dearly missed.

Kara Seager-Segalla, Wasatch Academy, class of 1967 - January 08, 2013 at 06:45 AM

SS

“ Thank you Miss Kerr for your friendship at Wasatch. You will be missed on this earth, but I know that you are having a wonderful time with Jesus. I enjoyed the time we spent together cooking sweet and sour venison. We will have a great time together someday. My prayers are with your family that Jesus will give them comfort, love, memories, and laughter.
Have a great time Miss Kerr.

Susan Stevens - January 07, 2013 at 09:40 PM

KK

“ Miss Kerr was an incredible math teacher at Wasatch Academy who impacted my life and the lives of thousands of other students. We shall always remember her quiet, soothing voice and professional demeanor as well as her kindness and generosity.

Kerry Kirkpatrick - January 07, 2013 at 07:15 PM

SH

“ *The empathy and patience that Ms Kerr showed me with my stubborn inability to understand Math has always inspired me to go the extra mile with my students. The world has lost a great teacher and a very fine human. Ms Kerr you will be missed by us all. Rest in Peace.*

Steve Horner - January 07, 2013 at 06:48 PM

GE

“ *Miss Kerr was my 10th Grade math teacher in Geometry at Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. She was a great teacher and kept the students in line!!! I'm an attorney in New York after growing up in Utah and remember Ms. Kerr well. I was very sorry to hear of her death and offer my condolences to her family, may her memory be eternal.*

Gregory Ambus, Esq. - January 07, 2013 at 05:27 PM

KL

“ *Miss Kerr was "the" special teacher in my life because she took the (extensive) time, over cocoa at her kitchen table, to help me finally understand high school algebra.*

Karla Romaine Luxner - January 07, 2013 at 01:30 PM

MC

“ *Dorothy's Butter Pound Cake has been my family's favorite for years. I am grateful Dorothy was so generous in sharing her recipes. Her recipes will continue to bring us fond memories of the time shared at Wasatch Academy. My thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Mae Chin - January 07, 2013 at 01:07 PM

GA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Miss Dorothy's passing. She was always such a sweet loving lady! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Glenda Millsaps Aust - January 07, 2013 at 12:04 PM

CU

“ Miss Kerr was our 1965 Wasatch class advisor and a mentor to us all; not just then, but throughout the following years as we corresponded. She was a passionate teacher, a caring woman and interested in so many things in the world. I will miss her; the world will miss her. My heartfelt condolences to her loving family.

Carolyn (Nason) Urban - January 07, 2013 at 11:28 AM

SD

“ Dorothy Kerr (Bunny) lived her life and faced her death with dignity and grace. She was an inspiration to me and my family and will be missed so much! Leo Buscaglia may have put it best when he said, "I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." I know my life was blessed by having Aunt Bunny in it!

Stephanie Dufour - January 07, 2013 at 10:20 AM

RJ

“ I will always remember Ms. Kerr's geometry class at Wasatch Academy in 1967; she inspired me to major in mathematics and a career in math/science. Her passion for teaching was a blessing to many like me, she will be missed.

Reid Johnson - January 07, 2013 at 09:31 AM

NF

“ We were sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. Keeping your family in our prayers.--

Donna Turnipseed

Dawn Turnipseed

Norma Hunt

Norma Hunt and family - January 06, 2013 at 05:57 PM

PH

“ Bob joins me in sympathy and prayer that you will feel God's love and comfort as you face this time of great loss. Priscilla Allen

Harper

Priscilla Allen Harper - January 06, 2013 at 07:51 AM