



Brownie Kimbrough

February 25, 1915 - May 4, 2007

Brownie Mitchell Kimbrough, 92, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died on May 4, 2007, at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Dr. Kimbrough was born in Childress, Texas, on February 25, 1915, to William Brown and Annie May Handley Mitchell. On June 6, 1942, she married Wade Kimbrough, who predeceased her on December 6, 1992, after fifty years of marriage. She received her B.S. from West Texas State College (now West Texas A&M University) in 1941 and her M.Ed. from the same institution in 1957. She was awarded a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in 1970. Dr. Kimbrough taught in the public schools and universities of Texas, Arkansas and New Mexico for more than 50 years. Her collegiate career began in 1964 when she joined the faculty of John Brown University, where she eventually served as Chair of the Division of Teacher Education. Subsequently, she was a Professor of Education at the University of Central Arkansas and retired in 1986 as a Professor Emeritus of Arkansas Tech University. Following her formal retirement she continued to teach off-campus graduate courses and did substitute teaching in the public schools of Siloam Springs. Her contributions to the teaching profession included service as state and local council president of the International Reading Association, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Education Association/National Education Association, and as a visitor for a number of accreditation inspections sponsored by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. She was also a member of the Middle School Association and the National

Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development. A Methodist since her early womanhood, Dr. Kimbrough served her various churches in many capacities. In Childress, she was a Sunday School teacher and president of the Wesleyan Service Guild. At the First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs, she twice served as President of United Methodist Women and in various other roles. Dr. Kimbrough was a member and past president of PEO Chapter CE and was also a past president of the Nesika Fortnightly Club. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lois Odom and Mary Morrison and one brother, J.T. Mitchell. Survivors include her son, Allen W. Kimbrough of Phoenix, AZ, her daughter-in-law, Meredythe Ricker Kimbrough of Dallas, sisters-in law Alta Bennett of Childress and Maidelle Mitchell of Denver City, TX, three nieces, and five nephews, and a host of friends, former students, and ?adopted children. Services for Dr. Kimbrough will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Twin Springs at Maxwell Streets, Siloam Springs on Sunday, May 6, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. A visitation will be held at Wasson Funeral Home on Saturday, May 5, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Graveside services and internment will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Childress Memorial Cemetery, Childress, Texas, following a visitation at the Johnson Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Memorial contributions may be made to The First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Twin Springs, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, or the Brownie Kimbrough Scholarship Fund, Siloam Springs High School, 1500 West Jefferson, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761

Tribute Wall

AF

“ I am compelled to write something to express how privileged I feel to be a former student of Brownie Kimbrough's. She was not only a wonderful teacher in junior high language arts, but also a friend who inspired confidence in her students.

Additionally, she was a physical education teacher who took even the most physically inept students and helped us develop skills in tennis and volleyball which would last our entire lives.

I remember how proud she was of Allen when he became an accomplished pianist.

My sympathy goes out to her family and close friends.

Arline Franz

Arline Key Franz - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

EB

“ Allen, you don't know me but your parents lived next door to Marvin & Lola Weir in Childress when you were born. How very excited they were when you came....they had just about given up on having children of their own and they both adored all kids.....I was in my teens at the time and I just loved them. Saw your Mom at an All School reunion in Childress several years ago and she had not changed a bit...it's hard becoming the "older" generation but you are most lucky to have had such great parents..

Evelyn Weir Barringer - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

LG

“ I took care of Mrs. Brownie many times at SSMH. She was my most favorite patient I have ever had. I am so sorry to hear of her passing, but I know she is in a much happier place. You are in my prayers!

Latisha Goodall - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

LC

“ After graduation from highschool in Siloam Springs, I attended John Brown University, where my father was also on the faculty, in my town. The Kimbroughs were both new faculty/staff when I started my college education. Having a major in Elementary Education, I was under the watchful eye and guidance of Mrs. Kimbrough. I cherish my memories of the Kimbroughs and am thankful for their service to JBU and my hometown.

With sympathy & prayers,

Lucy

Lucy (Kennedy) Cundiff - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DS

“ I was one of your mother's students in Childress. She was my 7th grade PE teacher, and I was terrified of her. She was a very strong, confident woman. Then I was in her 8th grade English class and I adored her. She was a wonderful teacher, and her classroom was just plain fun. Not everyone looks back on junior high with fond memories, but I do, and your mother was the main reason. You were just a little boy and she always beamed when she talked about you. If memory serves, you were the "preacher" for the Tom Thumb wedding at the Wilson School Carnival when you were in kindergarten or 1st grade. Your mother was delighted with you. My sympathy to you for your loss and my appreciation for the sheer joy of knowing your mother.

Driscilla Storrs - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

AM

“ Allen, Joe and I are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You spoke often of your mother, with much love and gratitude. I learned even more about her from the obituary. She was clearly a mentor who influenced not just her students, but many others as well. I think her influence on you is what made you the great mentor and influence that you are today.

Ann Price McCarthy - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

VC

“ I never met Ms. Kimbrough personally. However, Allen spoke of her all the time and would describe for me his visits with her. Allen is a wonderful man. Accordingly, the source of his life, his mother, Brownie, must have been a wonderful woman.

Vince Consul - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

AA

“ Allen,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I can only imagine your grief but hope that you realize you have many friends out there willing to help out in any way.

Aurora Austriaco - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

GS

“ Allen: *I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. The obituary for her certainly gives insight into the special woman who raised you and passed on to you so many gifts of character and intellect! I can tell she was a great lady, and will be missed. I love the scholarship you set up for in her memory as teaching was her purpose in life. My thoughts are with you.*

Gloria

Gloria Sturman - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DW

“ *She influenced a number of decisions I made about my life. A truly memorable person from my early years.*

Dr.Ronald D. Worley - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

NT

“ Dear Allen- we join you in grieving for your mother, and in celebrating her wonderful and happy life. We know that her greatest joy was you, and that you were the best son a mother could ever hope to have. We loved reading about her life in the online obituary. She was truly a remarkable woman, and so far ahead of her time. No wonder you are the man you are- I know she was very proud of you.

Nancy and Dave

Nancy Alf and David Thomas - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DW

“ Mrs. Kimbrough was one of those teachers who taught everywhere: from the front of the room, while strolling the aisles of the classroom, counseling in her office, and at her home when you got invited "home" for her famous fried chicken. She was one of those teachers who "came along side" of her students. She "came along side" of me. She made me feel special, and competent and yes, even loved.

When I discovered that I one of those students who would need more than the normal four years to finish college, I panicked, knowing that the family purse only had enough for four years, and I was already on half-time work study. Dr. Kimbrough learned about my situation and drove to my family's home that summer to ask my parents to consider letting me move into the Kimbrough home to "help them out" with various jobs around the house. (Basically they were trying to spare my parents feelings.....because my "helping out" wasn't quite equal to the cost of room and board at JBU. They welcomed me into their home and family, and even gave me an allowance, just like Allen! :-)

It was a priviledge for me to live in their home, and their kindness made possible the completion of my college education. I will forever be grateful to this dear woman who taught.....and allowed me to be taught. I miss her.

Dr Greg and Gail Walters - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

LE

“ Allen, Sally...I just wanted you to know how much Brownie meant to me. The summer I got to stay with her, my mom and I both fell in love with her! She had so much practical wisdom and we learned so much from her! All of us being women, first; but more importantly independent thinkers with a love for teaching children. I always admired Brownie's drive, independence, intelligence, sensitivity, and kindness. She is loved and her memory will live on and on in the people whose lives she touched. With much love, Lisa West

Lisa West (Rush/ Ensign) - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

MR

“ What a great lady! She taught me to play tennis when I was 12 years old while she lived in New Mexico. Along with those lessons, she taught me to be tolerant and loving. I know she is teaching HEAVENLY tennis now. Rest in peace, Auntie.

Marcia Kimbrough Rebhuhn - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

RO

“ Allen, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I know you and your mother were so very close and she loved you very much. You and I have been fortunate to have such a loving relationship our Mothers. I wish you all the best and will be thinking about you.
Randy

Randy & Sam Oates - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

ER

“ We meet many people in our lives, some we forget, many we remember, but it is our teachers that are best remembered. They give from every fiber of their being for our good, and too often without gratitude.
None gave me more direction, confidence, and courage in academics than Mrs. Brownie Kimbrough. She made this world a better one for me and all her students. All that she taught me will be with me until we meet again.

Elvin Royall - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

RS

“ Brownie was a wonderful person. It was a honor that I got to meet and to know her. She will truly be missed. Oh but look at the lives she touched, sharing her wisdom and strength. Allen I'm truly sorry for your loss. and Thanks for sharing her with me.
Rhonda Suggs

Rhonda Suggs - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SR

“ Allen, how my heart aches for you. Brownie and Wade were friends of my parents. I have know them since birth. I was blessed by their love,care and friendship. You are one of the blessings of her life and she loved ever minute . Students in Childress, Texas loved her and she loved them back. I thank the Lord for placing her in my life.
Sandy and Linda Rothwell

Sandy & Linda Rothwell - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

KM

“*Brownie has been in my life so long that I can't remember a time without her. From the church youth meetings at her house to being a sister in PEO, there are so many things I remember about Brownie that make me smile. I have always admired her and her love for church, youth, family and friends. And what a wonderful impact she made on me. Such a positive and beautiful lady! She will be missed!*”

Kathy Murray - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

FL

“*Dear Allen, I will not be able to attend the services for Brownie due to another committment. I did want you to know that I do love Brownie very much. I remember Brownie as that stylish, fastidious lady that loved to teach and laugh. Brownie actually tutored me when I needed to brush up on math for my nurses's entrance exam. She always loved it when she could fry chicken for you when you came to visit, and she always wanted to wear just the right outfit, and wanted to look her very best for you and anyone else that happened by that day. I will and do miss Brownie, and I look forward to seeing her again with Jesus. God bless, Frances Lee*”

Frances E. Lee - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DW

“ Hello Allen. So sorry to hear about your loss. No matter when we lose a parent, or how ready we think we are, I know it is hard. Especially your Mom. I know how much she adored you, and how devoted you were to her. I hope that is some comfort for you now. You're in my thoughts and prayers. I so wish I was in LR and could just jump in the car and come be with you in Siloam. That is definitely one of the negative aspects of being in NY.

Much love and sympathy to you,

Debbie

Debbie Erwin & David Weeks - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

PA

“ Allen,
It seems we have lost another great one. I think they are sitting up there eating ice cream and having a good time. I was there to see her not long before she left Valley Springs.

I really think they are happy to see each other and Ms. Hattie also. We will be praying for you all. Please don't forget us and please come to see us.

Pete & Pat Allen

Pat Allen - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JO

“ *I just re-read Brownie's book, "Teaching is Fun." She had written a personal note in the front saying, "Read the book again after I'm gone and know that I am teaching all those little angels." We know she is! Full of wisdom, extremely dedicated, a wit for all occasions. We will not see another like Brownie and we will miss her.*

Joanne and Larry O'Kelley - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DT

“ *Sincere condolences.*

Dr. John V. Terry - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JH

“ *i never took a class from her
i learned 1,000's of lessons
she IS a great lady*

jim huskins - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

PH

“ *It was a blessing to know Brownie. What a remarkable, gracious,
and joyous person she was.
She touched so many lives and made each of them richer, fuller,
better.*

Phil Hathcock - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

PE

“ *Brownie was such a wonderful person who had a good attitude
every time I saw her. You could "feel" her love of children when you
were around her.*

She will be missed. God blessed you.

Patti Eiland - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JE

“ *If this is the same lady that was taken in yesterday while I was in the E.R. with my niece, I just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Even tho I don't know who you are, God knows and he hears our prayers. What a long and wonderful life this lady has lived and I am sure she will be missed and memories will be treasured of her. May God be with each of you during this time and always. In Christ--your friends--The Edgett Family*

Jerri Edgett - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM