



Hulen Peters

December 2, 1921 - March 5, 2012

Hulen Danner Anderson Tyree Peters, 90, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died March 5 2012, at her home. She was born December 2, 1921 in Max Meadows, Virginia, the second of 7 children. She is preceded in death by her first husband Dorsey W. "DW" Tyree and her beloved husband of 62 years Myron "Pete" Peters. She is survived by a brother and two sisters: Leon Anderson of Fishersville, Virginia; Joe Glenn of Staunton, Virginia; and, Loe Harmon, also of Staunton, Virginia. Other survivors include daughters Kathy McAlister of Little Rock, Arkansas and Melody Taylor of Siloam Springs, Arkansas as well as 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

As a war widow, Hulen traveled to Siloam Springs to attend college because she was unable to get into college in Virginia. While riding the bus on the dirt road from Ft. Smith to Siloam, she wondered what she was getting herself into. Once she arrived, she adopted Siloam Springs as her home and grew to love the entire community.

Mrs. Peters began a 30 year career teaching business courses at Siloam Springs High School in response to an emergency call for help at the school. She was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1985. Many of Siloam Springs' business and professional leaders were her students. One of her doctors said that he owed his keyboarding skills to Mrs. Peters. She was the faculty sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America for many years. She was fond of saying that the C students were often the most successful because they knew how to work hard.

After retiring in 1986, she spent innumerable hours for 23 years as a Pink Lady volunteer with the Hospital Auxiliary. She was also a founder of The Manna Center and devoted her energies in easing the plight of the less fortunate. She was also a leader in activities at Siloam Springs United Methodist Church such as United Methodist Women, teaching Sunday School, and serving on various committees.

She was a member Delta Kappa Gamma, holding a number of leadership positions.

She was a graduate of John Brown University and held a Masters of Education from the University of Arkansas.

The joy of her life was her family. She loved and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Anyone who walked into her home knew immediately that small children were often present and welcome.

Visitation will be held at First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs in the Wesley Room on Friday, March 9, 2012 between 4 PM and 6 PM.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 1 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs.

Memorial gifts may be made to Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, AR or to the First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs, AR. or Silaom Springs High School Scholarship Fund, 700 North Progress Avenue, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761.

Tribute Wall

EV

“ Kathy, Melody, and family...

I was lost for words after hearing about your lose.

Mrs. Peter was one of my mentors. She was more than a teacher to me.

"Pete" & Mrs. Peters was part of our family through JBU. A very close bond.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you at this time.

Evan Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

LS

“ So sorry to here of Mrs. Peters passing. She was my favorite teacher of all time. She encouraged me and made such a difference in so many young lives. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Laura

Laura O'Dell Smith - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

DW

“ Mrs Peters was truly my favorite teacher. What she taught me has been invaluable through the years.

She was a true lady and a wonderful person.

I crossed paths with her and Pete over the years. I got to know Pete while working in the Print Shop at JBU and taking coffee breaks with Roy, Pete and Dr. Thomas. Many happy memories.

Kathy & Melody, I know no one has to tell you how lucky you are to have had such wonderful parents.

I am truly sorry for your loss. Just picture your Mom & Dad dancing around heaven. Praise God for the hope we have and the knowledge that we will not be separated forever.

Debby Webb Werle

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CP

“ So sorry for your loss. We admired both your mom and dad. Charlie enjoyed working along side Hulen at the High School. We know your loss is great and ask God to comfort each of you at this time.

Charlie and Carol Pitts - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

DS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Hulen was the reason I chose a career in accounting. My favorite classes were with Mrs. Peters. She was a strong woman and raised a wonderful family. She will be missed by not only me but 30 years of students that were honored to call her their teacher.

Debbie Derdeyn Scacewater - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

DV

“ *Melody and Kathy (and family). I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was one of the first persons we met when we came to Siloam in May'64. She gave us a very warm welcome and we enjoyed the time we spent with Pete and Hulen. She always had a smile and kind word to share, we will remember her always. May GOD bless and comfort you in this time.*

Darline Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JF

“ *I loved Mrs. Peters and took every class she taught. She always had a smile and a good word for her students. Even after graduating, if you saw her, she remembered who you were and still had that sweet smile for you. My thoughts are with her family at this sad time.*

Jan Farmer-Russell - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

RV

“ *Kathy and Melody, I am truly saddened to hear of your loss. May God grant you peace and comfort, 'His Eye Is On The Sparrow' Matt 10:29.*

Randy and Connie Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JE

“ To Mrs. Peters' family,

She was loved by her students and cared so much for each of us. Being a farm girl, I appreciated her noticing me as well as all students. I used the skills she taught many times over the years as well as while I am typing this note on the computer. She loved you girls and I know all of her family. She & your Dad helped my mother-in-law with a "help-me-I've-fallen" call service. Enjoy the memories you have and teach your children those qualities that made your parents so loved by all that knew them.

Judy Bryant Ezell/Ronald Ezell - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

DC

“ Kathy and Melody ---

I have fond memories of your Mom trying to teach me how to type when I was a SSHS student in the 1960's. I never was a good typist as a student. However, typing has become a skill that once I "learned", I have used it daily throughout my life. Your Mom was a very sweet lady & a precious gift to Siloam. Your folks were wonderful through their volunteer services in our hometown as well. Throughout my childhood memories, I have "pictures" of seeing (along with my folks & so many others) your Dad at JBU. We are truly saddened for your loss of your Mom - but, Heaven has gained another wonderful lady!

Don & Lucy (Kennedy) Cundiff - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

TR

“ *Kathy, Melody, and families.*

We will greatly miss Aunt Hulen. We believe she is in heaven with D.W. and your dad, Velma, Billy, Garland and Grandma Willie Belle as well as many of her friends. God has seen that she is no longer in pain and watching each of us as we journey through our lives. Her strength and guidance will help us each day. Love and prayers to all, Terry

Terry and Mike Reed - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

RM

“ Looking back, Hulen was one of my favorite and most admired people. I can think of so many times she inspired me with her conduct and actions on behalf of others, known and unknown to her--especially those on behalf of her Pete when he was ill. She took a very difficult set of instructions (ones that would mean Pete's life!) and followed them to the letter. I remember how very hard some of that was on them both and how easy she--and Pete!--made it look!

I can think of so many times she was there with that sweet smile, encouraging and sharing when I needed it. I can think of so many times she just cracked me up with the unexpected quip, again: JUST when I needed it!

She was certainly so delighted with and in her family, was thrilled at the life and vitality those great-grands brought to her life, in all her later years, but especially in the ones since she lost Pete. My last long conversation with Hulen was full of these moments, along with reminiscing on the years we taught together, with lots of talk about Cindy and me, of what a fun place and time that was to be at Siloam High... and to be a teacher, in general!

Like everyone else who knew her, I'll miss my friend in this life, and look forward to another life we'll share one day...It will continue our practice of recent years: We didn't see one another often, but it was always the same: We took right up so seamlessly where we had left off the last time.

With love and sympathy to her beloved family, Roxana

Roxana (Reagan) Morrill - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

CM

“ Mrs. Peters was one of my favorite teachers in high school. I am so thankful to her for what I learned in her typing and bookkeeping classes even though I have only used them in keeping books for our farm. My husband (of 48 years) worked with "Pete" Peters on the John Brown Farm years ago. Any time we saw Mr. and Mrs. Peters, usually when we were eating out, they both were a joy to visit with. They were a special couple. If only all school teachers were teachers like Mrs. Peters.

Connie Lofland McGarrah - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

SR

“ She was a very sweet person. Heaven is rejoicing a little more with her there now.

Shyrl Hale Reynolds - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

PM

“ To the family of Mrs. Peters.
What a wonderful lady Mrs. Peters was.
She had a kind smile and eyes that smiled. As a teacher, she not only
taught me all the business classes but
great lessons in life. As years went by, I knew what a blessing she
was.
May God comfort you during this time.

Patty Bryant Mason - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

TD

“ Mrs. Peters was one of my favorite teachers. Without her, I would not have had the skills I needed to be successful in running my business. Not only was she my teacher, but I considered her a friend. She will be missed a lot. My prayers are with your family at this time.

Tom Dixon - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

BR

“ Mrs. Peters was loved by every student, including me! She was encouraging, loving & an amazing teacher. As I type this, I think of her instructing us to work at learning the keyboard, which we all use today in many ways. During my high school years, I think there were only two electric typewriters, & I was one of the lucky ones who got to learn how to use it (remember those?). As a result, I got a winter job typing for the Medical Center, making a whole \$1 an hour! I am grateful to have had Mrs. Peters as a teacher as well as a role model. Prayers are with her family. Know that she was loved by many.

Betty Jo Holland Rose - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

AK

“ Kathy, Melody and families: Your mother was truly a special being placed on this earth to do good and to teach. I never knew anyone more kind or generous of her time and talents. She left a tremendous legacy via her students, patients, and the beneficiaries of the Manna Center. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Allen Kimbrough - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ My condolences to Mrs. Peters' family. She was a wonderful teacher and inspiration.

jim(my) huskins - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

LJ

“ To the family of Hulen Peters, I think of Mrs. Peters quite often. I took several business courses with her not really knowing what I would end up doing in the job field in life. But am so thankful for her having been my teacher. She was one of the sweetest, kind persons and of course, one of my very favorite teachers. I attended one year of business school learning more on typing etc. Ended up being a statical typist for an accounting firm before I married, did a little secretary work - even used that shorthand - never did get fast on that. As a substitute teacher today, I encourage all my students that I teach that if they don't do anything else when they get to high school, "Learn to type". In this day and age, you need to know that keyboard. I know I had my own children to take typing - all because of Mrs. Peters. What a great influence on us all. May God be with each of you and give you much comfort during this your time of sorrow. Also, may all the good memories bring much comfort.

Louise (Ward) Jennings - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JK

“ As long as I could remember, I wanted to be a secretary. It was important to get started on this journey by taking business classes from Mrs. Peters. She was a wonderful instructor and always encouraging, even when I stumbled through bookkeeping! I became proficient in shorthand, only to be told in business college that I would need to become proficient in speedwriting! So, I ended up with a mixture of both. It worked. I became a secretary.

I am grateful for her instruction, and I am grateful for the wonderful friendship I share with her daughter, Melody. And God is good, all the time!

Jane Anne Breedlove Knight - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

DR

“ If I were doing word association, the first word that I would think of for Mrs. Peters was beef stroganoff. Well, that's two words, but the Peters' house was the first time that I ever had it and I never had any stroganoff that was better than Mrs. Peters'. I also learned to take my time eating and enjoy sitting around the table visiting with those present at the Peters' house. My senior year at SSHS I took Mrs. Peters' bookkeeping class which prepared me for my first accounting class at the U of A. She did an excellent job with setting the foundation of my accounting career. She was very patient with us girls the year that we were snowed in at the Peters' for a couple of days. We were probably driving her crazy and eating her out of house and home, but she never acted any way but gracious about us being there. I know that she will be missed so much by so many - but what great memories you have. Love, Deanna

Deanna Rocha - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

GH

“ What a wonderful women this was. I loved her as a teacher-she was one of my favorites. She always had a smile. She will be greatly missed. Prayers and thoughts are with the family as they walk through this valley of sorrow.

Georgenia Robison Harris - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

BB

“ Dear Peters Family,
Mrs. Peters was one of my favorite teachers and role models. She was extraordinarily kind to all, whether they were bright or slow, rich or poor, well-behaved or trouble-makers. I think of her often in this age of computers, iPhones, iPads and so on. I often wonder how people get along typing with only their index fingers and/or thumbs. I am thinking of you and am saddened by your loss. Sincerely, Betty

Betty Carney Huskins Bess - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ *Melody, Craig & family,
We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a very
sweet lady and we know she will be greatly missed by you and the
community. Our prayers & sympathy are with you.*

Don & Jackie Brooks - September 19, 2012 at 11:59 AM