



Martha Stockton

December 6, 1922 - August 23, 2011

Martha Alice "Bitsy" Stockton, age 88, of Siloam Springs, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. The daughter of James Neville and Martha Ellen (Treadway) Holcombe, she was born Dec. 6, 1922. She graduated from Dumas High School and Hendrix College, and taught American history in high school in Gould and Dumas before marrying Dr. John L. Stockton, a dentist from Siloam Springs, after World War II. For several decades Bitsy was the Welcome Wagon Hostess in Siloam Springs, and greeted hundreds of families who moved to the community over the years. In the process, she made thousands of friends. A former recipient of the Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce's Pioneer Citizen Award, she chaired the search committee for the award in recent years and was honored for her service at the Chamber's 2011 banquet. She was preceded in death by her husband, her sister-in-law, Luanne Stockton Selby, and her parents. Bitsy is survived by her sons, Jim Stockton and his wife, Gail, and Stan Stockton and his wife, Rita, of Harrison; five grandchildren, Kevin Stockton and his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Katie and Michael, of Harrison; Jamie Stockton and his wife, Mandy, of Germantown, Tenn.; Kari Stockton of Tulsa, Okla.; Brian Warner and his wife, Stephanie, and their children, Hunter, Dane, and Chance, of Harrison; and Jon Warner and his daughter, Eliana, of Harrison. There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at the First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs, with Pastor Randy Rowlan officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26, at Wasson Funeral

Home in Siloam Springs. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Siloam Springs, 325 E. Twin Springs, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 or to the North Arkansas College Foundation, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, AR 72601.

Tribute Wall

KS

“*Jim, Stan and families: It was sad hearing about the loss of "Bitsy." Her face was a most familiar sight in Siloam Springs. We've always remembered her friendliness to us when we returned to Siloam Springs in the 60's. Her baking was superb, and we loved her bringing goodies to the Interstate News for the crew when her son Jim worked there with us. Through the years, it was our pleasure to see her out eating with her friends when we visited back in Siloam Springs. Our thought are with you.*

Keith and Mary Ann

Keith and Mary Ann Sutterfield - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

WR

“*My mother, Dorothy Newsom Reeves and Bitsy were best friends. I remember when my mother died and John & Bitsy came over and had a champagne toast in the back yard in celebrating her life and to help to give closure. I went by to see Bitsy a few years ago when I visited Siloam Springs. We had a wonderful visit.*

"Bitsy" was one of a kind. She will truly be missed. I and my late family have been blessed and honored in knowing them.

Wilson Reves - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JW

“ *Jim and Stan.
I did not know of your mother's decease until late yesterday (Sunday) when I read the Sunday paper. Interestingly, on our way to church, I happened to look up at her house and saw a Jeep (I think) sitting there but not the Bitsy Mobile. Now I know why. Your mom in it has been a long time staple of the community landscape. She will be missed; especially her smiles and faithful service.
Remember, your feeling of sadness is because someone you loved and will miss is gone. It is one of the gladly paid costs for the privilege of being loved and loving.
Peace.
Jim Walters*

Jim Walters - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

TE

“ *Bitsy was such a special lady and a honored 'fixture' in Siloam Springs. Her name is synonymous with the graces of hosting and welcoming. She served in so many capacities. I will always reflect on our fun talks about tomato plants. She will be missed greatly.*

Tim Estes - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BR

“ *It was a pleasure knowing Bitsy. Her entertaining stories always brought smiles to the faces around her. Her giving spirit will be remembered.*

Blake Raybon - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

.D

“ *Your mom was a unique person and a hoot! I will miss her presence in this town. Marcia*

.Marcia R, Wheeler D.D.S. - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

LT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bitsy...I just recently lost Dad (Dr.Kurt Burns) and feel your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lindy

Lindy Burns Taylor - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JD

“ We were sad to hear the news that our friend Bisty had passed, but are joyful in knowing she is with her Lord! We were the very last family in Siloam Springs that she visited as the official welcome wagon representative, and then we were fortunate enough to move just across the street from her as well. We were blessed by her friendly, joyful spirit, and the many little things she shared us with over the last 13 years. She was a wonderful woman. We will truly miss our neighbor and friend! Please call on us if we can help at any time in the next several months.

Jack and Sue Daugherty - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BS

“ Sorry to read of your loss in the Times. I remember you both speaking fondly of your mother/grandmother. You both are in my thoughts and prayers.

Becky Milligan Smith - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

HW

“ Ijust heard about my sweet Bitsy. I enjoyed waiting on her at the Venesian Inn for many years. She was more than my customer she was my dear friend. I loved seeing her come in the door, so full of life. I truly loved her. After my mom passed away last year I even enjoyed seeing her more, she reminded me of my mom who I miss dearly. So my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. What an amazing Mom and Grandma you had. Love Holly

Holly White - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

LW

“ JIM,
OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU!!
LOU AND JANET

LOU WOOD - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

MC

“ For many years, my mother, Clare Comstock, and Bitsy would have coffee every Monday morning. When my father passed away, she brought dinner to our home on the first night. When John passed away, Mother was with her. My mother and Bitsy loved each other dearly.

During one of my last visits with Bitsy about a year ago, she showed me the pictures of her family and told me where they were and what they were doing. She was so proud of them all. Afterwards, she sat at the piano and played, as Bitsy always did, with joy and flourish from the heart. She and I sang "Shanty Town," just as she and my father used to sing it. I shall always remember her exuberance, her many talents, her generosity of spirit, her compassion for others. I would like to think that she and Mother are drinking a cup of coffee together in heaven today.

Mary Comstock - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

HB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Harrison Convention & Visitors Bureau - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

LC

“ We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's going home -- I loved Bitsy & will treasure the memories I have of her I will continue to look towards her home every Christmas season to see her wonderful Christmas star lit up for all our community to see. May God truly bless you and your family and give you peace and comfort in your time of need . . .

Lucy Kennedy Cundiff - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

CS

“ My thoughts are with all of you at this time. Bitsy was a wonderful woman, and we'll miss her.

Conrad Sawyer - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

VM

“ Jim Stockton and family, thinking of you during this time. my prayers are with you and your family. Sorry for the loss of your mother.

Victoria Magdefrau - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

BP

*“ Coach Stockton, we are thinking of you during this time. Our prayers are with you.
Debbie and Billy*

Billy and Debbie Ply - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JH

“ I enjoyed talking to Bitsy at the SSMH Information Desk. An interesting and enjoyable person.

jim(my) huskins - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

JR

“ Bitsy was one amazing woman! I truly enjoyed her company and laughter we shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sincerely,
The Rone Family

Josie Rone - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DF

“ Words cant express how sorry we are for the sudden loss of Betsy. She was a wonderful person who we loved visting with. She was always so kind and a joy to be around. I know it is so hard to lose her espically it being so sudden, but she lived a wonderful life. Her family being with her that day will be something you all will cherish for ever. Remember the good times and how her family made her proud and happy. Our love

Darby Family - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM

DA

“ To jimmy and Stan I want you to know that we are praying for you. I lost my mother 2 years ago and I know how hard it is to go through. I also hope that Bitsy's life can be celebrated because she was an amazing woman who led a very full and blessed life. I hope you can sense God's comfort now and eventually understand His plan for all of our lives. God Bless You.

Dr. John Allison - September 19, 2012 at 01:06 PM