



Mary Dana

January 24, 1919 - May 4, 2008

Mary Lou Dana, 89 year-old resident of Ft Worth, Texas, died May 4, 2008 at Odyssey House Hospice. Born January 24, 1919 in Gentry, Arkansas, she was the daughter of John and Lucy Test Shaffer. She graduated from John Brown University receiving a degree in Music. Mary Lou was a School Teacher at Gentry and Centerton. Mrs. Dana taught School at Gentry and Centerton. She played organ for both the Baptist and Methodist Churches. Mrs. Dana took up oil painting after retirement. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Gentry United Methodist Church. Survivors include two daughters: Suzanne Folsche of Ft Worth, TX, Deborah Duncan of Covent Station, N.J.; two granddaughters and three grandsons of Fort Worth. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2008, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas with Rev. Brad Wright officiating. Burial will follow at Gentry Cemetery, Gentry, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, 2008 at Wasson Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Mary Lou. I only met her once at my grandmother's birthday party. My grandmother was Nora Simpson. She was Mary Lou's cousin.
My grandmother's mother was a sister to John Shaffer. My mother and aunt often talk about Uncle John and Aunt Lucy.
I would love to be in contact with some of Mary Lou's family.

Marlene Sands - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

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“ Dear Suzanne, Deborah, and families: I read in the paper about your Mother and wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts. I won't be able to be there with you for the service. I'm on oxygen 24/7 and getting more difficult to get around; but this is about your Mother. What a delightful, wonderful woman. I am grateful for the times I spent with her before they moved from Gentry. We shared laughs about some of the stories she told me about family history and Grandma and Grandpa Dana. I'm sorry that we lost track of each other after they moved to Texas. You are fortunate to have had two such wonderful parents.
Love,
Mary Lou

Mary Lou Dana-Shivers (Bob Dana's daughter) - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

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“ Aunt Mary Lou was a wonderful person. She and Uncle John took it upon themselves to take me in after my father died and my mother could not take care of us. I will always remember her for her fun loving nature and being a great person to be around. She will be missed greatly by all who knew her.

Myrtle Saunders - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM