



Marybelle Handley

June 20, 1915 - December 30, 2011

Marybelle Handley, 96, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died December 30, 2011, at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital. Born June 20, 1915, at Fontanelle, Iowa, she was the daughter of Gaston Parker Hains and Luella J. Rafter Hains. She graduated from John Brown University in 1959 with a degree in elementary education. She had lived in Siloam Springs since 1952 and was active in various committees and church activities. Mrs. Handley was a second grade teacher for the Siloam Springs School District for a number of years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs and a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She was active in church as a Sunday school teacher, as past president of the United Methodist Women, and many other activities. She was also a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, past Noble Grand Rebekkah Lodge of Iowa. She was a member of the L.L's of Greenfield, Iowa; a 50 consecutive year member of American Legion Auxiliary in Greenfield, Iowa. Additionally, she was a member of the Federated Women's Fortnightly Club, past President of the Arts Club, Siloam Springs, VFW Auxiliary and was active in the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association. She married Donald Victor Handley on June 20, 1937. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Victor Handley in 1988: three sisters, Naomi Murray, Dorothy Hains, and Betty Clemens. Survivors include one daughter, Linda Diane Allison and son-in-law, Don, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one sister, Mabel Root (104 years old) of Clearfield, Iowa.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at First

United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Dr. Randy Rowlan officiating. Burial will be at Fontanelle Cemetery, Fontanelle, Iowa. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Twin Sprngs, Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

FM

“ *Marybelle Handley*

Frances McKinney - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

JC

“ *Linda, love and prayers to you and your family.*

Judy Dilbeck Carson - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

DT

“ *Mrs. Handley was my second grade teacher in Siloam Springs at the old Central Elementary School. I have fond memories of her class. My prayers are with the family during this time. God bless.*

Dr. Tim Taylor - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

PR

“ *Linda,
You will be in my prayers. I rememver your mother fondly. She was a sweet person that my mother and I enjoyed visiting . She was so friendly. I don't believe she knew a stranger. Just remember you will see her again happy and healthy in Heaven with our Lord. Take care and I am close by here in Tulsa. If you need to call me for a cup of coffee or soda, we can go out and visit with each other.
Your friend,
Penny*

Penny (Draper) Rice - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

SL

“ *Your heart is broken but I pray the sweet memories will help mend it. There's nothing as sweet as a mother's love. Sherry*

Sherry Lankford Longoria - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

GM

“ *Linda, I always thought how special . . . that you were an only child. Now, I just hope the thoughts and hearts of your friends reach you with love. Your mom was special to so many . . . as are you. God bless you in this time of reflection and love. Glenda*

Glenda Billings Myrick - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

CN

“ *Remembering your sweet mother, Linda.*

Carolyn Hall Nuthman - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

CM

“ *I Remember Marybelle from the times we used to all get together. She was a very gracious lady and I always enjoyed her company.*

Charlotte McNiel - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

MA

“ *I enjoyed the times that I spent with Marybelle. She was a very nice person and I enjoyed her company.*

Maxine Allison - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

NB

“ Linda, we are thinking of you and Don in the loss of your Mom. Haven't seen your Mom for a long time but I had a really good phone visit with her a little over a year ago. I always looked forward to her notes in her Christmas cards. Lots of good memories of us cousins playing at our grandparents' homes in Fontanelle. Music, lighting bugs and red rover with a little roller skating thrown in. Take care and know that you are in our prayers.

Nancy

Nancy Burk - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

JD

“ We were sorry to hear about MaryBelle's passing. She was a good friend for over 60 years and she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Janet Degginger - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

LW

“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my prayers. I remember the fun times we had over at your house, she was such a nice person.

Linda Ward - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

CH

“ We have so many fond memories of your mom. Hank loved delivering meals on wheels to her as she was always so cheery and sweet. I loved visiting in your home, so comfortable, good memories especially second grade when I became so nervous, you and your mom helped my confidence and I made it through that year. May Gods love comfort you. Sincerely, Cheryl

Cheryl Harrison - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

DW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.*

Debby Webb Werle - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

SM

“ *Linda - What a wonderful legacy your mother left and what a precious lady. I feel so lucky to have known her and to call you friend.*

Love - Sandy

Sandy Martin - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

MA

“ *Linda, so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a great lady and a great teacher.*

Marilyn(Holcomb)Cox - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

GB

“ *I am praying for you in your time of sorrow. Try to remember how happy she is in Heaven. It helps me to do so.*

Gerrie Robrahn Brown - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

RH

“ *Linda, so sad to learn of your mother's passing. What a very long friendship she had with our family over so many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Ron Harp - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ Hi Linda,

Just wanted to tell you that I will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Wow....your mom had a long life and I know that you will miss her in a big way. Please accept my sympathy and know that I will be praying for you.

*Sincerely,
Lou Ann*

Lou Ann (Daugherty) Sutton - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

SM

“ Mrs. Handley will be leaving us with sweet memories!

Sandra Spriggs Masters - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

R(

“ A heartfelt prayer for you that God will grant you His comfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Roberta McBurney (Root) - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

DA

“ with deepest sympathies.she was a loving mother and rlative.god bless her

david ahnen - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

PA

“ Best beloved aunt who was always there with a helping hand throughout my life!

Patricia L. Ahnen - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

JM

“ linda,, so sorry to hear of your mothers passing,, god bless you my thoughts and prayers are with you. have many happy memories of time spent at your house with you and your parents!!may god bless and watch over you through this hard time,,,always,,jane

jane mason - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

SB

“ My family and I lived across the street from the Handley family for many years.
Mrs. Handley was always so kind. When she would be outside in her yard or walking across the street to check her mail, she would ask, in her perfect "teacher" grammar, how we were and then...she would really LISTEN to our response! She took time to visit with my parents in their older years, and that meant a lot to me.
So sorry for your loss, Linda. She was a special lady.
Respectfully, Sherry Studards Bass

Sherry Studards Bass - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

RE

“ Linda, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. I would love to have seen you at the reunion. May God hold you and your family in his hand.

Richard Ezell - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

RB

“ Mrs. Handley was my 2nd grade teacher and she always treated her class as if we were the most special. My prayers are with her family during this difficult time. She touched many lives.

Rhonda Blair - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

JB

“ Linda, Thinking of you during this difficult time. Your mother was a very sweet lady, and I have fond memories of her. I always enjoyed waiting on her at the bank, and of course, all the years at the Methodist Church are remembered. My prayers are with you.

Joyce Bailey - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM

TE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Marybelle's passing. My prayers are with you through this time

Theda & Dale Ezell - September 19, 2012 at 11:23 AM