



## Eula S. Lamb

September 18, 1930 - January 18, 2016

Eula Stokely Lamb, a long-time teacher in Cocke County, died peacefully on Monday, January 18 at her home, surrounded by her family. She had battled Lewy Body Dementia courageously for several years.

Eula Dene Stokely was born September 1930 in Del Rio, the second daughter of Vista Murray and Thomas J. Stokely. Her parents were long-time farmers, merchants, and community leaders in Del Rio, and she was surrounded by Stokely cousins. She grew up close to her two sisters, Imogene and Barbara Ann, and the three girls worked fields, milked cows, and "made garden" as if they were boys. She graduated from Cocke County High School in 1947, and attended Hiwassee College in Madisonville for a year before returning to teach the lower grades at Harmony Grove School, alongside Mrs. Mary Bell Smith. Together they launched the first hot lunch program. She returned to Hiwassee, earning an Associate's degree, and then came back to teach in the Del Rio community for a number of years.

While teaching her first year at Harmony Grove, she eyed a dark haired, good-looking young man named Kevin Lamb. They wed September 5, 1954 and were married 61 years. He pre-deceased her November 29, 2015. She was the mother of three children: daughter Teresa Levey and her husband Dr. Robert Levey of Knoxville, TN; son Kevin W. Lamb and wife Donna of Newport; son, Dr. Russell Lamb and wife Jennifer of Hilton Head Island, SC; grandchildren Brandy Helton, Cory Helton and Lindsey, Katie Lamb and Maddie Lamb all of Knoxville, TN; Thomas Lamb and Caroline Lamb of Hilton

Head Island, SC; and great grandchildren Ella Helton and Ava Faulkner. She is also survived by her sisters, Imogene Puckett of Loudon, TN and Barbara Ann Phillips of Simpsonville, SC and a host of nieces and nephews.

"Mrs. Lamb," as she was known to generations of kindergarten and first-grade students, resumed teaching in 1965 after the birth of her third child. She taught a number of years at Del Rio elementary, before transferring to Northport Elementary School in 1969. She was one of the original faculty members at Northwest Elementary school, and taught there until her retirement in 1996. Her life was enriched by many wonderful friendships from Northwest Elementary. She applied love and discipline in equal measure. She handed out hugs freely, and over the years all children became "good little boys and girls" in her memory. Discipline was applied gently and always with love. At Christmas there were two presents for each child, wrapped. She delighted in teaching multiple generations of the same family.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Newport, Tennessee for more than forty years, the Frances Wiley circle, and a long-time member of the Christian Fellowship Class. As long as possible she attended Sunday school, circle, and church services regularly. When her health made it impossible to attend church in recent years, she and her late-husband were blessed with countless visits from the members of the Christian Fellowship Sunday School class and the Frances Wiley Circle who brought food and conversation regularly and brightened many days. She was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and enjoyed attending meetings as long as possible.

She was a dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had a ready laugh for the antics of her grandchildren. Her grandchildren all have fond memories of "mammaw" sprawled on the floor playing dolls, blocks, cars, or guns.

Over the last several months Kevin and Eula Lamb were lovingly cared for by Velma Fox, Teresa Proffitt, Ruth Anne Ramsey and Debbie Brown. The family wish to thank them all for their dedication over the past several months.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Newport Tennessee or the Cole Neuroscience Center at UT Medical Center (from which she received excellent treatment in recent years).

The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church with funeral services following at 7:00 pm with Rev. Dr. James Bennington officiating.

Burial will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

EULOGY:I wanted to write a perfect Eulogy for mother today. I took my usual approach - I studied up on eulogies. I took an analytical approach. Then I sat down and just couldn't do it. I understand the assignment in the abstract, but in practice, I keep getting stuck at, "Let me tell you about my mom."

So I asked friends for advice, some of whom have gone through the same thing recently. And I got some good advice, don't expect to make it perfect. And I realized that's why I was stuck.

I wanted to tell you everything about mom. I'd love to tell you every wonderful thing I know about my mom, every time I saw my mother wrap her arms around a little boy or girl and tell them "I love you sweetheart. Be a good little girl." Or all the times I called at the end of my wits and mom would listen, and advise, and then tell us not to worry, it would be ok, everything would come out all right. And the times I saw my mom throw her arms around dad, "her man". And don't you forget it!

Eula Dene Stokely Lamb - wife, mother teacher, friend. I can't tell you every good thing. I can't write the perfect eulogy. I'll fall short, I know.

But it isn't necessary for me to recount every good thing here. Mother's life is

her Eulogy. I hope everyone here has some of the special memories I do. But let me try to hit a high spot or two.

First, Mom was wife. Mom and dad knew each other all their lives, but only started courting after she was grown and as he was finishing high school. Yes, mother was one of the original Cougars. We have the picture from Harmony Grove School to prove that dad married his teacher. But what a marriage it turned out to be. 61 years. It was love, right until the end. I remember when dad was on the road driving a truck, he'd come home late on a Thursday evening and mom would throw her arms around him and lay one on. These past two or three years as mom's mind and reason left her, the memories were sometimes all they had left. Mother never wanted dad to be out of her sight. It drove me nuts, until I realized that with dad at her side she felt truly safe, and without him she couldn't. They sat on the couch side by side and held hands, and watched reruns of the Waltons or Family Feud. And she still laid one on him from time to time.

As dad lay dying in November a few weeks ago, my mom, not fully aware of the world around her anymore, realized that something was not right. She told us, I need to go to Kay. She mustered up all her strength to stand up at his bed, and in the clearest voice she had found in weeks, she told him, "If you can't stay here with me, you go on ahead, and I'll be there soon. I'll see you on Sunday." And so last Sunday, about 4 minutes before midnight, she made good. After all she never told him which Sunday.

Out of that love came a family. First, she was blessed with a daughter, who became over the course of many years, and a couple of minor squabbles, in the end her trusted friend. And a few years later her middle child, for whom mother always shared a special space, knowing how difficult the middle child had it. And then accidentally, a baby boy. Each of us could tell our own stories about mom, and I can't recount even a fraction here. But I know, as certain as I draw breath tonight, that mom loved each of us the same, and tried, hard, to make each of us know that. I saw her stand by my sister, my brother, and me, in disappointment, grief, celebration and joy. And she gloried in each

grandchild, their accomplishments and their victories. If we each felt we had a special place in mom's

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eula S. Lamb*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *You will be missed*

**nikki gibson** - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *You were my favorite teacher. You will be in my heart as well as all the other children. I still remember being paddled everyday at nap time. Lol Go Rest in the Lord's arms. Your job is finished well and faithful servant. Love you*

**Jessica Williams Hance** - January 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kevin sorry for your loss. Sorry that I couldn't be their. Your family has been thru a lot these past few days with the loss of both of your parents and Donna losing her mom. Will be saying prayers for you and your family*

**Elizabeth** - January 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kevin and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your Father and Mother. May the Lord give you strength and comfort. Tim and Jan Pack*

**Tim and Jan Pack** - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Eula S. Lamb*

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**Eddie Jett** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Eula S. Lamb*

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**Jay Henderlight** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Tracy Scruggs** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Praying for you and your family.*

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**Erin Harlow** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Eula S. Lamb*

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**Mike Brady** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Teresa, You, your mother and your family are all in our thoughts and prayers. May your mother have everlasting peace with her husband in Heaven now after such a loving and inspiring life on Earth. God bless you all.*

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**Jeff, Ellen, Jeffrey & Sam** - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Eula and Kay Lamb will always be fondly remembered for all their kindness, during our childhood visits to Tennessee; and for Eula helping us with our mother's funeral arrangements. We thought the world of both of them, All Our Love, Pamela, Donn, and S

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**Pamela (Sutton) Stiehl** - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you

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**Alvin & Jean Watts** - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You have my deepest sympathy. The Christian Fellowship Class will sadly miss both Eula and Kevin.

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**Mary Ruth McGhee** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ She was my kindergarten teacher. I am 36 years old now. So its been a few years ago. I hate to hear this news and I am so sorry for your liss . I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers. She was a great lady and AWESOME teacher. Great memories

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**Jessica ball** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I just loved Mrs.Lamb she was my kindergarten teacher. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Jamye Branner Ray** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We are so sorry to hear about your mom and dad. We love you and are praying for your family.

Jeff & Sherrie Weeks - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ So sorry for your loss. We have your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Mickey, Dawn & Seth Johnson - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I have your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Chris Cline - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Kevin & Donna So sorry for your loss. Just remember that our loss is truly Heaven's gain. We are praying for you during this tragic time for you both.

Doris Stokely - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I will always have fond memories of Eula and my mother (Wanda Holloway).

Julia H. Brady - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Eula S. Lamb

April Baxter - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ We are very sad for your loss in the death of Eula. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. May God bless you all.

Steve and Linda Davidson - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy Doug and Joyce Shoemaker

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AB

“ Rememberances of visits with Eula Dean during my childhood, walking down curve street with Lori Henry. Such a sweet, sweet lady.

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KW

“ Mrs Lamb taught both my boys at Northwest, she was a sweet loving lady. We are praying for the family

Kathy webb - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *She taught Kindergarten at Northwest. I was so unhappy that I didn't get to be in her class when I started school, because my sister Debbie had her and I wanted to have her too. She was a wonderful and sweet lady. My prayers goes up for all she left behind*

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**Rebecca Bogle** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Thank you for all that you taught me..you will be missed may you rest in peace*

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**joey meyers** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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WI

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**Wayne and Roella Ivy** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Eula was a very sweet lady and a good friend to my mom Ann (Breedon) Evans. We will remember your family in prayer. Angie Sutton & family*

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**Angie Sutton** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Ms.Lamb you were one of the best and kind Teachers at Northwest school .I was in your class in 2nd grade .rest in peace .you will be missed .

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**Jeannie Caldwell James** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So very sorry. Praying for peace and comfort for all of you.

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**Pat and Susan Mason** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I like to say we had the greatest ,sweetest person that God gave us she was mine teacher in 80s and for her and Ms.PollyWebb I probably read or write thank you so much ur best I always wanted to thank her for her hard work that has provided us kids I kno

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**Carrie Johnson Webb** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ So sad the world lost such a beautiful soul. Mrs.Lamb was my teacher in the early 70s. She was so good to me. I have such wonderful memories of her. God has definitely received an angel. God Bless the Lamb family.

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**Lisa Black Strange** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ So sorry for your loss.Eula was such a sweet lady and she will be missed by many.

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**Ernie & Patti Wiles** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Our deepest sympathies*

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**Tim & Stella Lunsford** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Eula S. Lamb*

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**Steve & Teresa Strom** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *What a beautiful obituary, sending our love & prayers.*

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**Curtis & Patty Woods** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *With our sympathy and prayers!*

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**Rob and Lisa (Murrell) Myers** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Kevin, we just heard of your mother's passing. We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.*

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**Tommy and Waynella Ivy Large** - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *So sorry to hear of Eula's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Brenda and Steve Edwards** - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Sincere condolences we will keep your family in our prayers. Mike, Brittany, and Whitney Fraley.*

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**Michael Fraley** - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ One of my favorite teachers. Fond memories of her come to mind.  
Prayers to all her family and loved ones.

Charlotte McCarter - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Eula S. Lamb

Louise & Jimmy Hux - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sincere condolences we will keep your family in our prayers.  
Mike, Brittany, and Whittney Fraley.

Michael Fraley - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ We extend our sympathy to all of Eula's family at this time.

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this difficult time.  
So sorry for your loss.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Mrs. Lamb was my kindergarten teacher through a rough year of my  
life due to family illness. I remember her reassurances everyday  
helped me make it through that year. She was such a  
compassionate individual that cared deeply for her students. I hope  
I can

Beth Gates - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Eula S. Lamb*

Christopher Messer - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Eula S. Lamb*

Dale and Nancy Raines - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Family, You are in my prayers. Your Mom was one of the best persons I have known - along with your Dad. They have left a special legacy - you children and your families. I hope to be able to see you Wed. Jeanne*

Jeanne Birdwell - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Kevin & Donna, My heart breaks for you and your family. Prayers for all of you. Mary Austin- Taylor*

Mary Austin- Taylor - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *In deepest sympathy for the loss of Eula. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sherrie Dillard - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Eula S. Lamb*

Tonie Lane - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss ! Rev 21:4

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**Charlie Grooms** - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers with all.

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**Jackie Gorrell** - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Eula S. Lamb

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**D C & WILMA RAMSEY** - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ms. Lamb. We had her for Kindergarten in 1975. She was such a sweet lady.

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**Chris & Kristie Norton** - January 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM