



Nelle Stokely White

April 15, 1915 - March 17, 2007

Nelle Stokely White, age 91, passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2007. She left this earth a better place by touching many lives through her 40 years of teaching and living a Christian life. She began teaching in a one room school in the mountains of Del Rio, having to board in students' homes. Nelle was loved and respected by all of her students. Bible verses were included daily to promote memory and develop morals in her students.

World-renown star of opera and movies, Grace Moore, was Nelle's first cousin. Nelle often told that she was given Grace's clothes to wear to Hiwassee College. Nelle's father, Hubert Stokely, was the mail carrier who escorted Christy (Presbyterian missionary/teacher Leonora Woods) from the Del Rio depot into the Old 15th on horseback to Edenezer Mission School. Woods' daughter, Catherine Marshall, later told this story in her famous novel "Christy."

Nothing made Nelle happier than watching her grandsons, Chad and Darrin, grow up and graduate from college. She was blessed with a great granddaughter, Kiersten, who brought joy and delight to her.

Nelle was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd White; father, Hubert Stokley; mother, Hattie McNabb Stokley Smart; step-father, Jehu Smart; sister, Burdell Lindsay; brothers, Lynn, Tom, George Estel and Bern.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Joe Burchette; grandsons, Chad and Darrin Burchette; great granddaughter, Kiersten Burchette; brother and sister-in-law, Hubert and Essie Stokely; sister-in-law, Connie Stokely; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, James and Ruth Whitlock; several nieces, nephews, special friends, Marilyn Brooks, Doris Stinnett, Debra Ellison, Wednesday Breakfast Group and devoted niece Eula Dean Lamb. A special thanks to Dr. David Rankin and Baptist Hospital of East Tennessee for the special care given.

Funeral services will be held 8:00 pm Monday, March 19, 2007 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Craig Ward officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 pm Monday at Manes Funeral Home prior to the funeral. Burial will be held 11:00 am, Tuesday, March 20, 2007 in Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Joy Group, 234 Lincoln Ave., Newport, TN 37821 or First Baptist TV Ministry, 261 East Broadway, Newport, TN 37821.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nelle Stokely White*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *sandy, a life well lived is never lost. we will always have precious memories of "miss" white. with sympathy, phyllis smith*

phyllis smith - March 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember years ago when I first married going to Ethel Moss home. First time met your mother and your dad. Your mother was a very sweet and gracious lady. You have my condolences*

Imogene McMahan - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Ray Fancher - March 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sandy and family... so sorry about your loss... I loved your mother and will always remember how kind she was and what a Great teacher she was... I will always remember her... Love Abbie*

Abbie Presnell Harrison - March 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Kim Taylor - March 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Bill and Charlotte Leibrock - March 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Judie Austin - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Wiley and Kate Morgan - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Mrs. Burchette, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Ryan Adcox - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Gail, Mike & Wesley Smelcer - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Elizabeth (Betsy) Wiley - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. May God Bless you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Lisa Overholt and family*

Lisa Overholt - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Sandy, Joe, Chad, and Darrin - Jennifer and I send our love to you at this sad time. I remember going to your mother's house as a little boy with my papaw; he just loved her. I imagine the Stokelys are all having a reunion today. We were so pleased th

Russell L. Lamb - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ THINKING OF YOU TRESA VALENTINE

tresia valentine - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Robert, myself, Rob and Sarah want you to know that your family are in our thoughts and prayers during your time of need. May God Bless you and help you through this time.

Teresa Jarnagin - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Sandy and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Nanette (Lankford) Wilds - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Nelle Stokely White

Teresa Solomon - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Nelle Stokely White

judy Gregg - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Nelle Stokely White*

Tiffany Dover - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *You all are in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Hurst & Proffitt families*

Katie Proffitt - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Sandy and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Your mother was truly "one of the best". Linda and Brad*

Linda Sprouse Britton - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *You're in my thoughts and prayers.*

LeAnna Barger-Beeler - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sandy, You and your family are in our prayers and our thoughts.*

John & Peggy Barger - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tommy & Waynella Ivy Large - March 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Nelle Stokely White*

mr vinford,almedia maddron - March 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Sandy, We are so sadden to hear of your mother's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*

Charlotte & George Tweed - March 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Sorry for your loss. May God bewith you now and always.*

Earl and Kathy Woody - March 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *with love*

fredia pruit - March 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ *Mrs. White was one of my favorite teachers. I loved her dearly. She was left handed and so am I, she taught me so very much about writing left handed. Betty Tucker*

WD & Betty Tucker - March 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Sandy and family, We were sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I know how hard it is to give up your mother. You certainly have my deepest sympathy. May God grant you comfort and heal your broken heart in time, but you will always miss her. Your moth*

Linda & Bud Dawson - March 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM