



Perle Cody McNabb

March 17, 1913 - January 29, 2007

Perle Cody McNabb, age 93, formerly of Newport, passed away, Monday, January 29, 2007, in Sylva, North Carolina.

She graduated from Central High School (later Coker County High) in 1929 as valedictorian. In 1933 she graduated from Milligan College, with a Bachelor of Science degree, the first woman to graduate summa cum laude from Milligan. She earned her Master's Degree in Biology in 1938 from Duke University. She was a classroom teacher for twenty-nine years, mostly in the math and science fields, mostly at Coker County High School and one year at Cosby. In 1964 Perle left her classroom at Coker County High School to accept a position of Supervisor of Instruction for Coker County, and remained in this position until her retirement in 1972. One of the accomplishments during her tenure of which she was most proud was helping establish Coker County's Adult Basic Education Program. In 1972 Perle was selected Newport's First Lady, and in that year also she began her 1972-1973 term as President of the Tennessee Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development. She served on the Newport City School Board and was active in Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society of women educators, and in the Coker County Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband of almost sixty-four years, H. Royce McNabb; parents, W.C. and Sytha Stuart Cody; grandson, Daniel Royce McNabb; sister, Daisy Cody; brothers, Paul, Donald, Hollis, Cephas and Darius Cody.

She is survived by her son, Steve McNabb and wife Lindsay of Johnson City, TN; daughter, Donna Williams and husband, Don of North Carolina; grandchildren, Lucas Cody McNabb and Meredith Allyson McNabb of Johnson City; step grandchildren, Jason Williford and wife Jimejo of Buffalo, NY, Hugh Williams and wife Tami of North Carolina; step great grandchildren, Justin Williford of Newport, Mason and Chloe Williford of Buffalo, NY and Abigail, Callie and Ellie Williams of North Carolina.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 3, 2007 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Charles Boggan officiating. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12-2 pm Saturday prior to the funeral.

Tribute Wall



“ *Perle Cody McNabb*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Without a doubt, the best teacher CCHS ever had. She was a very special lady*

Dorothy J. Eggleston - February 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Perle Cody McNabb*

Bill and Charlotte Leibrock - February 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *McNabb Family and Friends, Perle C. McNabb, my family's special and favorite teacher, Karen '61, Jess '62, Ronald and Donald '64 and Tommy Dawson '65 our years grad from CCHS. Last time I saw and spoke with her was my Mom & Dad's 50th wedding aniverery ce*

TOMMY DAWSON - February 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Perle Cody McNabb*

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SB

“ Dear Steve and Family, Sharon and I were saddened to learn of your mother's passing. She was special to the Ball Family. She will be missed by her Cocke County educational family as well! If there is anything that we can do to help you or your family

STEVEN M BALL - February 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Sorry to learn of your mothers passing.

Doris Ottinger - February 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Mrs. McNabb was an excellent teacher. I breezed through algebra but plane geometry was a problem for me. I'll never forget the day the light bulb came on. She was as suprised as I was! When I volunteered to solve a problem (and it was correct) we just loo

Alice F. Freeman - February 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Perle Cody McNabb

Kilgore, Hank & Louise - February 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ With deepest sympathy.

Greg Collins - February 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Perle Cody McNabb

Wiley and Kate Morgan - February 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Perle Cody McNabb*

Marty Coakley - February 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Donna, Our sympathies.*

Robert and Martha Pack - February 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Ms. McNabb was the best teacher that I ever had in high school or college. God bless her soul.*

Leon Bryant - February 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Donna Frances: I did not know your mother had passed away when I spoke with you last night! Both of my parents are gone too, and it is hard to give them up. My sympathy is with you at this difficult time. Vonn Ray*

Vonn Ray Murrell - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Steve, Lindsey & family: So sorry for your loss. We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Jan, Jerry & Sydney Sneed Bea & LD Brooks*

Jan Brooks Sneed - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM