



Mary Dean Sisk

September 28, 1918 - November 26, 2014

Mary Dean Sisk, 96, went home to be with the Lord on November 26, 2014 at her home at the Villages of Alameda where she had resided for the past six years. She was born in 1918 in Sweet Springs, Mo. to Clay and Nina Killion, living, working and playing on the family farm with her three sisters and brother. She attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Mo., and graduated from Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, Mo. For several years, she was a pastor's wife, ministering at the New Salem Baptist Church at Marshall Junction, Mo. She taught in rural schools in Missouri for eight years before moving to Miami, Fla., where she taught third grade for thirty years at Sunset Elementary School. She was loved and respected by students, parents, and colleagues throughout her career and was recognized by the Women's Clubs of Florida as their Teacher of the Year in 1974. She raised her two daughters in the beautiful 1950's in Miami, where they were active members of the University Baptist Church in Coral Gables. After her retirement, she volunteered in local hospitals and spent time with her friends, especially around the bridge table. She continued her volunteer work when she moved to Albuquerque in 1995 where she was a member of the Sandia Presbyterian Church as well as the Assistance League of Albuquerque and could be found working at the Bargain Box or behind the counter at the Blue Portal in Old Town. Those who knew her describe her kindness, her smile for everyone, and her joy in the little things. In her later years, she was a wily card player at the bridge table, able to "no trump" to the end. Mary Dean was

predeceased by all her siblings. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Bass and Dorma Seago and grandson Rich, all of Albuquerque, and many nieces and nephews who knew her as "Aunt Dee". The family wishes to thank the staff of the Villages of Alameda for their compassionate and loving care. She will be interred in Sweet Springs, Mo., at a later date. Contributions may be made in her name to the Assistance League of Albuquerque, <http://assistanceleagueabq.org> or to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



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Rps Abq - December 19, 2014 at 04:54 AM



teachers are one of the few groups of people who can look back on their lives and easily show an account of what a significant contribution they have made to this world. others are creators of music, art or literature..... while teachers often create the creators. I'm sure Grandma created her share of creators; more than we probably know. the thing is she was just doing what she enjoyed doing, she was just doing what she got paid to do and never thought too much of it... she was a wonderful teacher. 30+ years she spent at Sunset Elementary School two blocks from her house in South Miami.

Rps Abq - December 19, 2014 at 05:13 AM



“ Rps Abq sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Dean Sisk



Rps Abq - December 19, 2014 at 04:37 AM



*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name,
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream;
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His way,
And leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay,
One word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away;
His hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread,
My cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise;
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

Rps Abq - December 19, 2014 at 05:14 AM

RP

“ *Rpsabq lit a candle in memory of Mary Dean Sisk*



rpsabq - December 19, 2014 at 04:24 AM



*Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."*

....one of the hymns grandma sang to me when I asked her what kind of songs she sang in church when she was a kid. Her voice was simple, sweet and kinda country....:)

Rps Abq - December 19, 2014 at 04:43 AM

LP

“ My first memory of Aunt Dee was when she came to visit us in Montgomery City when I was about 3 or 4. She was so sweet and kind. I remember being very distressed that someone so sweet and kind did not have a husband, so I asked her why she didn't. She smiled and told me sweetly and happily that it was ok, that maybe I could find her one. That made me feel better. I said, OK I will!

She wasn't focused on herself, she was way more interested in easing my distress. I'll bet that is why she was such a great teacher. She took good care of the little souls while they were under her watch. We don't know how many people she touched in formative years who will remember her always. She had a wonderful gift. I know God is taking care of her soul now. RIP, Aunt Dee. I love you and wish I had been more present in your life. We all live too far apart. Lisa Ponder

Lisa Ponder - December 01, 2014 at 10:59 AM

LB

How very sweet and dear Lisa.

liz bass - December 01, 2014 at 07:40 PM

DS

I think she just had a special way of touching people.

Dorma Seago - December 02, 2014 at 01:01 PM

JA

“ My first memory of Aunt Dee was when she welcomed us into her home in Dec. 1969 when mizzou went to the Orange Bowl. I remember how exotic it was... with a grapefruit tree in the backyard! I mentioned ti Dorma today that I never heard Aunt Dee say a cross word. Our family has lost its matriarch.

Jim Andrews - November 30, 2014 at 06:17 PM

LB

Thank you Jim. Mother loved having your family here.

liz bass - November 30, 2014 at 09:00 PM

DB

"My sweet memories of Aunt Dee was that she was my first and second grade teacher at Rose Valley School outside of Sweet Springs, MO. It was a country school and she taught all 8 grades, 10 to 12 students. I rode everyday to and from school with her. I would help her build the fire every morning when it was cold. She was a wonderful teacher and I was the teacher's pet. I loved her dearly and admired her all of my life. She and my Daddy, her brother, were the best of friends. I know that Grandpa and Grandma Killion and their 4 children are rejoicing in heaven that their last child has come home. I know they are having a party and loving every minute in the presence of their Heavenly Father." Diane Burtrum

Diane Burtrum - November 30, 2014 at 11:39 PM

LB

How very true. We know we will see them again.

liz bass - December 01, 2014 at 07:43 PM

DS

There is so much joy in knowing she is whole again and with all those who love her.

Dorma Seago - December 02, 2014 at 10:47 AM

RI

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Rich - November 29, 2014 at 10:22 PM

NT

“ *Our precious Aunt Dee. Yes we will miss you but we know how much fun you are having in heaven. There are just too many memories that we as a family cherious to tell. Just know she is loved and missed. We love you lady!!!! Greg and Nina Tanner*

Nina Tanner - November 29, 2014 at 10:16 PM

DS

*We had this portrait made shortly before the fall that changed her life so drastically. How we treasure it.
Dorma*

Dorms Seago - November 30, 2014 at 10:07 AM

RI

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Rich - November 29, 2014 at 10:05 PM

RI

....simply the most wonderful Grandmother. She was the only grandparent I knew and I was the only grandkid. Spoiled rotten, yes I was and we both loved every minute of it. A special bond we shared and I will cherish my last moment with her on this earth for as long as I live. Seeing her in heaven will be so much fun!

Rich - November 29, 2014 at 10:10 PM

DS

We had a long visit with her that day on the porch just outside her beautiful apartment. Played Skipbo, lots of laughs. She loved her apartment, played bingo, and went to all their parties and concerts. She loved it there.

Dorms Seago - November 30, 2014 at 10:12 AM

JD

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Jonathan Dyck - November 29, 2014 at 03:32 PM