



Mary Lou Matthews

August 25, 2015

Mary Lou Matthews, 95, of Falmouth, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at the River Valley Nursing Home in Butler. Born in Pendleton County, KY on October 28, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Purdy and the descendant of a pioneer family . She married Harold Lee Matthews, her husband of 54 years, who preceded her in death on June 24, 2006. A graduate of Transylvania University with a degree in English, Mary Lou started teaching in Campbell County, moved to Maysville High School, and retired from Deer Park High School in Montgomery, OH, after a career spanning 35 years. Together, she and her late husband enjoyed living in Maysville, KY and Montgomery, OH before retiring to Pendleton County, where they owned and operated several farms. She was a member of the Falmouth Christian Church. An avid bridge player, Mary Lou was astutely aware of current events and always willing to share a memory or insight. She looked forward to time with family and friends.

She is survived by her nephew, Frank Matthews of Lexington, KY; her niece, Wanda Pavard of Danville, VA; her cousin, Jerry Keith of Crittenden, KY; her caregivers and friends, Martha and Brent Gosney, of Falmouth, KY; and a host of extended family and friends.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, August 29, 2015, at the Riverside Cemetery, Falmouth, by Bro. Rick Halcomb under the direction of Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth. Memorials are suggested to the Falmouth Christian Church, 303 W. Shelby Street, Falmouth, KY 41040.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I had the great honor of knowing Mrs. Matthews as both a student and a colleague. At Deer Park High School she was my 10th grade English teacher and later as a fellow teacher. She was a kind, caring teacher with a regal demeanor about her. I had the utmost respect for her and her kindness. Mrs. Matthews was an "old school" teacher from a gentler time....a good role model for those of us who followed in her footsteps. Deer Park High School was fortunate to have her for the many years she walked the halls. May she rest in peace.

Jan McNulty - August 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Mrs. Matthews was my 7th grade homeroom teacher when I first came to Deer Park after many years of changing schools all over the country. She was a warm, caring teacher who was truly my "port in the storm" at that time, as well as an excellent English teacher. I went on to become a teacher myself, and never forgot how important her calm, steady manner was to students. I am so glad to hear that she lived such a long, interesting life. Her Southern charm and elegance brought a touch of dignity and grace as she taught us the nuances of our language and introduced us to the world of fine literature. How blessed we are to have had the good fortune to have been touched by her life. May she rest in peace.

Suzanne McMath Apking - August 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry. Ernie and Mary Gossett

August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We remember Mary Lou from Deer Park High School. We taught junior and senior English at Deer Park, but Mary Lou was the foundation and cornerstone of sophomore English classes at DPHS. She was an excellent teacher, prepared well by her fine education at Transylvania University. She was greatly loved by her students. She demanded the best from all her students but handled the discipline in her classes with a firm, yet gentle, always kind and understanding hand. One of her favorite teaching novels was Thornton Wilder's, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, which she brought to life for her sophomore students. She was a classy, good Southern lady. It was a pleasure to teach with her in our Deer Park English Department. Bless her; she was a treasure.

Roseanna and Ted Shaw - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Such a lovely, gracious lady. I will miss seeing her at RV.*

Don Wells - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Mary was a strong hearted person and loved by many. I'm very happy to have met and cared for such a lovely woman, she will be missed. Rest in piece.*

Jamie Massey - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Such a sweet woman. Im so happy to have known her. May she rest easy.*

samantha slater - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Sweet Mary Lou,I will always remember her from church. Always with a smile and friendly handshake. She was loved by her church family and will be missed by many.*

Leva Kidd - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM