



Gwendolyn Hastings

September 24, 1924 - August 27, 2010

Obituary of Gwendolyn Hastings

Gwen Hastings

Gwendolyn Dorsey Pace Hastings, died Friday, August 27, 2010. She was born in Scottsville, Kentucky, on September 24, 1924 and was the daughter of Leola and Murl Pace, the fourth of their five children. She moved with her family from Kentucky to Tavares, Florida, in 1926.

Gwen graduated from Tavares High School and earned a BA at University of Kentucky, where she was a member and officer of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and served as President of the Student Union Board. In 1946 she was named as one of UK's five most outstanding seniors.

She was married September 9, 1947 to Arthur Wayne Hastings of Jetmore, Kansas. They were proud parents of four children, Merle Elaine, Arthur Wayne, Jr., Mary Kathryn, and Jane Allison.

Her long career as a Social Worker with Lake County Schools extended through three decades to her retirement in 1999. She was a long-time member of Morrison United Methodist Church where she previously served on the Board of Stewards and the Board of the Opportunity Shop. She was a member of P.E.O. chapter ID, Leesburg, Fl

Gwen is survived by her three daughters, Merle (Bill) Skinner, Leesburg; Mary Kathryn (Charles) Cooper, Houston, TX and Jane (Brooks) James, Fruitland Park. One brother, Richard "Dick" A. Pace, Maitland, FL: two grandsons, Vincent (Tammy) Skinner, Brooks James, granddaughter, Claire Cooper and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation

Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 31, 2010 from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. in the Beyers Funeral Home.

Services

Services will be held Thursday at 2:00 P.M. in the Morrison United Methodist Church with Rev. Karen Burris, Rev Philip Short and Dr. McCoy Gibbs officiating. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Morrison United Methodist Church.

Interment

Interment will follow services in the Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg.

Memorials

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Morrison United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gwendolyn Hastings*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family: I worked with your mom for several years and she was a delightful person with a wonderful sense of humor. I had some challenging kids that I worked with and she handled the social service side of it and she did so with grace and dignity to all the kids, regardless of their status. I am very sorry for your loss and remember your mother fondly, she was a good friend in education.*
Art Ayris

Art Ayris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear MK, We are so sorry to hear of Gwens passing. She was a remarkable woman that touched everyone she met. We will all miss her enthusiasm, kindness and abiltiy for understanding. Love*
Andrew,Robbi,Ben&Rachael

Andrew & Robbi Cooper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ DEAR MK, HARRY AND I ARE THINKING ABOUT YOU AND CHARLES AND CLAIRE AT THIS DIFFICULT AND SAD TIME FOR YOU ALL AND YOUR SISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. I KNOW WHAT A WONDERFUL MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER SHE WAS TO YOU AND CLAIRE AND YOUR SISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF YOU. MK, SHE LOVED YOU VERY MUCH AND I COULD ALWAYS SEE IN HER HOW VERY PROUD OF YOU SHE WAS AND MAY I ADD FOR VERY GOOD REASONS. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. LOVE, ELOUISE AND HARRY

ELOUISE AND HARRY JONES - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To Gwen's family, My deepest sympathies to you all for this great loss in your lives. When both parents are gone there is a realization that we can't go home anymore - not that we ever wanted to! But that's the reality. You can all now bask in reflected glory of Gwen's contribution to her family and her community, a dedicated mother and loyal public servant. What a legacy. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time of mourning. Long Life to you all, as they say in the Jewish tradition. My prayers are with you. Love Rochella

Rochella Cooper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We are sorry for your loss, but know your family is in our prayers during this time. Much Love, Stephanie and Chris Cheves

Stephanie Cheves - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Jane and family, You and the family are in our prayers. We know that God will send you comfort. You have the confidence that your mom is "Safely Home." Jim & Bobbie

Bobbie Bergmann - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Mary Kathryn - we are so sorry for your loss. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time. The Ellisons

Anita and David Ellison - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mary Kathryn and Charles, I will pray that god gives you and your family the strength to deal with this difficult time. 2 Corinthians 1:4.

Chandra Humphries - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss :(Jane, we are missing you here at school and love you deeply!

Jeanne McDonald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Merle and family, I'm so sorry for your sudden loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you all.

Cindy Brown - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Merle, your mom was a beautiful lady, you resemble her alot. I just wanted you to know that I am thinking of you and my prayer are with you and your family. If there is anything you need, don't hesitate to ask. Helena Boykin

Helena Boykin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ JanieBoo, Baff and family- You are in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. My favorite memories of your mom, besides her impeccable taste in clothes is 1) letting us play "blind mans bluff" in the hallway and climb with our "jiffy feet" on her nice white walls. 2) The cinammon candy she kept in the cupboard. 3) Working in the kitchen with Hattie. Memories are what keep us and our loved ones alive. Love, Connieboo.

Connie Barcus Sartory - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dear Mary Kathryn, Please know that you and your family are in our hearts and our prayers. May loving memories of your mother and the many joys you shared together bring you peace at this difficult time. With warm thoughts and deepest sympathy, Sarah and Burke Watson

Sarah Watson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Jane, I was saddened to learn of your Mother's passing. You were a wonderful and dedicated daughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Blessings

Sharleen Reeder - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Merle, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you the strength you need to endure this most difficult time.
Alice Russell

Alice Russell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Aunt Gwen was a very special person to our family and she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Keith, Julia & Mari Clair Harmon - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ dear jane i'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. i pray God will give you and your family peace. love your classmate carolyn

carolyn davais - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Bob and I extend our deepest sympathy to Aunt Gwen's family. She was such a lady and it was always a pleasure to spend some time with her when she visited Mary Katherine. We rejoice in her victory and send hugs to those left behind who will deeply miss her. Love,
Pat

Pat & Bob Hodge - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Family: So sad. I recall your mom's sense of humor and grace. It was always fun when we got together in Kansas. Much Love, Ann

Cousin Ann - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Merle, I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God watch over your family and give you strength during this time. Michelle Pullen

Michelle Pullen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Gwen was one of my first friends in Leesburg and at Morrison and I enjoyed her friendship all through the years.

Elizabeth Hogan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Mary Kathryn, Tim and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I feel like I know her so well from the many stories you shared with me. You, Charles and Claire are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and hope that you will find comfort in knowing she is with the Lord. May the fond memories of your mother provide some comfort as your heart heals in the days to come. Love, Beth and Tim Burroway

Beth and Tim Burroway - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Merle, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this time of sorrow. Gwen was such a sweet lady. Even in her time of ill health she still seemed so cheerful and spread that cheer to others.

Marjorie Workman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mary Katherine, and your sisters-I 'm sorry to miss the service. I will be taking a friend to a 1:30pm doctor's appointment. Please give me a call if you are able, 787-4720.

Marg Herlong - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Merle, Katerina and Janieboo, I was saddend to hear the news of Gwen's passing. My thoughts will be with you all tomorrow. I am sorry that I am so far away and won't be able to attend the service for Gwen. Please know that I am with you all in spirit and that Gwen will be on my mind. Love to your families, Kay and Jeff

Kay and Jeff Tomczak - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Merle, Mary Catherine and Jane, I loved your mother dearly. She was one of my mother's dearest friends and so very much a part of my growing up in "our Neighborhood". I will always remember her with love and respect. My Deepest Sympathy, Lytle

Lytle - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Mary Kathryn, Jane and Merle, I'm so sorry to hear of Gwen's passing. She was a wonderful mother to you all and very special to all of your friends as well. I have so many wonderful memories of good times on Lincoln Ave - especially up in the play room - she always welcomed us all in! Wish I could be with you in Leesburg and attend the service. I will be thinking of you all. Love, Fran

Fran Herlong McDonald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Merle, So sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in prayer.
Bea*

Beatrice Williams - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Hello I just wanted to say that I was delighted to be a part of this celebration of Gwen's life. 'The Hastings' have been life long friends of the 'Barcus' and it was comforting to see so many good friends/folks gathered to honor her memory. My memories of Gwen go back 54 years---a privilege to know her!!!*

David M Barcus - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM