



Winifred "Ruth" Sneed

June 15, 1934 - December 2, 2020

Winifred "Ruth" Sneed, 86, passed away at her home in Carthage on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 following a short battle with cancer. Mrs. Sneed was born June 15, 1934 to Winifred B. and Esther Scott near Jasper, MO.

Ruth married her high school sweetheart, Edward Montee Sneed, on May 2, 1954 at the Jasper Methodist Church after he served in the U.S. Army. They had four children: Montee, Vicki, Michael, and Steven.

As their children were growing up, she was involved in their 4-H activities and taught Sunday school and Bible school at the Mt. Moriah Methodist Church where she was a member. Mrs. Sneed loved to learn, research, and share what she learned whether through teaching or writing.

After graduating from Jasper High School, she attended Kansas State Teachers College, now known as Pittsburg State University, and eventually received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in elementary education.

Ruth's teaching career began in 1953 in the same rural school system she attended as a child. After the consolidation of Missouri's rural school system, Ruth spent the next twenty-five years teaching sixth grade at Carthage R-9, then spent the next thirteen years as a substitute teacher.

During the summers and after her retirement, she kept busy canning and freezing the produce from Ed's garden and orchard, researching her family's genealogy and authoring several books about her ancestors and present family. Several of her works are viewable at www.ruthsneed.com.

She started her genealogy research in 1967 and proved her lineage included 12 patriots of the American Revolution. An active member of the Carthage Rhoda Fairchild Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she spent several years as Registrar helping prospective members in genealogy research about their ancestors.

Ruth was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Missouri State Teacher's Association, and the Missouri Retired Teachers' Association.

Ruth recently wrote: "Things I love (other than the obvious ones of family . . .) include beautiful things, wonderful aromas, springtime, open windows, the smell of fresh baked bread, beautiful flowers, reading good books, sewing, writing stories of my ancestors, and occasionally finding more of my lineage."

She is survived by her husband, Edward Sneed of Carthage; her children, Montee and Anne Sneed of Columbia, TN; Brent and Vicki Hillsman of Schell City, MO; Michael Sneed of Carthage, Steven and Karen Sneed of Norman, OK; her grandchildren, Alice and Andrew Miller of Hoover, AL, Tyler and Lori Hillsman of Kansas City, MO, Matthew Hillsman of Kansas City, MO, Thomas and Courtney Sneed of Columbia, TN, Cameron Thompson of Norman, OK and Cayton Thompson of Norman, OK; Ruth's great grandchildren, Ellie and Arlo Hillsman of Kansas City, MO, Sadie Ruth, Molly, and Eliza Miller of Hoover, AL and Patrick Sneed of Columbia, TN. She is also survived by her two sisters, Avanell Griggs of Jasper, MO and Lynne and Dick Stoddard of Panama City Beach, FL.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Moriah Methodist Church, 15506 Nutmeg Rd, Carthage, MO 64836

On line condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
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Service

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WL

“*Montee and Family, Buck and I are sorry for your Mother's declining health the last few years. From her obituary, it seems she had a fulfilling life, with many learning experiences. It seems she loved to pass her knowledge and talents to others. She sounds like she was a woman on a mission(s), always seeking more knowledge. May the Lord give you and your family comfort as you continue your life without your Mother. I hope you have many sweet memories of your times together.*

*Winona and Buck Locke
Columbia, Tennessee*

Winona Locke - December 07, 2020 at 10:51 PM

BT

“*Ruth Sneed was a wonderful person. As a child, I attended LaGrange School and loved when she was our substitute teacher. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. Bev Gipson Turner*

Bev Gipson Turner - December 07, 2020 at 10:19 PM

MB

“*Sending our love and prayers for the family and friends.
Allen and Marjorie Black*

Marjorie Black - December 07, 2020 at 05:52 PM

MS

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Michael Sneed - December 07, 2020 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ What an exemplary life Ruth led! Our thoughts and prayer are with you. Jane Crawford

jane crawford - December 06, 2020 at 11:19 AM

MS

“ Always will remember her making me feel very special to her and that will always stay very close to my heart,a memory I remember she had come to the beauty shop to get her hair fixed she said when she had gotten to school the kids told her that her hair looked decent. What a very special memory that put in my heart What a wonderful Aunt I will see u again soon. Love always Marie Sneed

Marie sneed - December 05, 2020 at 06:36 PM

LH

“ Aunt Ruth was not only my great aunt but also my 6th grade teacher. I won the lottery getting her as my teacher how lucky I was to get to know my aunt better and spend so much time with her everyday in class. I loved her very much shes always been special to me. What a classy lady she was and a legacy of knowledge and love she has left for all of us.

Lana Hargrove - December 05, 2020 at 11:33 AM

ND

“ Love and prayers from Jeff, Nancy, Jean Ann and James Dymott. Ruth was a remarkable woman in so many ways. We are blessed that she taught our children at Pleasant Valley and blessed to call her a friend. Thank you for sharing her with all of us.

Nancy A Dymott - December 05, 2020 at 10:04 AM

AC

“ Steven, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

April McDaniel Collins

April Collins - December 05, 2020 at 09:57 AM