



Marion Pennington Boyles

April 20, 1916 - May 20, 2014

Marion Boyles: An Unmeasured Blessing

Marion Pennington Boyles, 98, passed away Monday, May 19, 2014 of natural causes in Boulder, Colorado. Born to Annie Beall and Edward Pennington in Hazelhurst, Georgia on April 20, 1916, she was the eldest of five cherished sisters Anne Bridges, Murrell Mills, Mellie Brown (Penny) Lyday, and Ed (Penny) Starling.

Marion graduated from Mercer University with a B.A. in Education, taught high school mathematics, and after a life-long pursuit achieved her doctorate in Education Administration from the University of Georgia at the age of 51. She directed the Computer Braille Project for the Atlanta Public Schools in the early 1970s and ran the Olympic Torch in 1996. An early proponent of integration, she taught seven of the first eight African American students at Southwest High School. A master seamstress, Marion also enjoyed pottery, photography, painting, and woodworking. She traveled the world, visiting Europe, Canada, Alaska, and even Africa at the age of 86.

Preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Charles Richard Boyles, Marion is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Marion Boyles, granddaughter,

Savannah Pennington Schaefer, and son-in-law who became a son, Scott Schaefer.

A guardian angel to many, beloved by all, Marion was a unique blessing: generous, adventurous, unstoppable.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations to be sent to the First Baptist Church of Clifftondale, 4005 Stonewall Tell Rd Atlanta GA 30349. A viewing will be held at 12:30 followed by a service at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 28, 2014 at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 8355 Senoia Rd, Fairburn, GA 30213.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Thank you all for you wonderful words about my mother. For me she showed a love so deep and vast it is hard to believe it could be possible. I was so fortunate to be born to this incredible woman.

Her memorial service was a beautiful tribute to her and to the friends and relatives she loved and who loved her. I'm sure she was looking down with a big smile on her face. Thank you to all those who came to celebrate her life and your relationships with her.

Love to you all,

Stephanie

Stephanie Boyles - May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are truly blessed to have been in the presence of an 'angel'... We love you, and you will be dearly missed.

Leo & Ola Solomon - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ We all hope to be as impressive as Marion was indeed. We had to walk fast to keep up with her in her 80's. We loved her.

Thanks for being my adopted Mom, Marion, Kathy W-C

Kathy Wilson-Chu - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Mrs. Boyles family: I loved this lady so much. She taught me in high school. I am 70 years old now. I have never forgotten her and never will! She was a wonderful teacher! God Rest Her Soul! Bless you all in our loss of such a dear woman! Betty Martin, McDonough, GA.

Betty Backus Martin - May 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Marion & Charles "adopted" us as a young married couple. They cared for us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Marion's enthusiasm for life was contagious. Even after we left Atlanta, she continued in her care. The last sentence in her book, *Five Unmeasured Blessings*, reads "Remember to love God first, others second and yourself last." Marion certainly did this every day of her life. What a legacy!

Nell Rose & Lyle Corey - May 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Stephanie and family my heart aches for you. Your mom was a terrific lady, a great southern lady! Always enjoyed seeing her on our visits back to Cliffondale Baptist. She is with some good company in her heavenly home!

Patricia Rowell Moody - May 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Mrs. Boyles always made us work to achieve our potential. She was a firm and fair task master. I greatly appreciate her diligence and her dedication. Southwest High class of 1962. I enjoyed speaking with her at our reunion. She is a great lady. I share in your sorrow. I do believe we will meet again. God Bless.

Bill G. Huff, Jr. - May 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ *The most important teacher in my life. I am glad she lived a long and wonderful life.*

Walter Lemming - May 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Our world is made dimmer with her passing, but heaven is glowing!*

Marcia S. Schaefer - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *I remember Marion Boyles very well, as she was my 9th grade math teacher when I was in the accelerated math program at Southwest High School. Fifty years later, I chatted with her at the joint reunion of the Southwest 1962 and 1963 classes in 2010 that I helped organize. She was a very remarkable woman who led an exemplary life.*

Tom Ryan - May 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Marion was such a wonderful, bright, intelligent spirit and always had something witty to say. She was always kind and concerned about others and their families. Her laughter brightened up many a room and many an occasion at First Baptist of Cliftondale. What a good Christian women who witnessed through the way she lived her life. We will miss her but rejoice in the knowledge that we will see her soon.*

mary and eddie west - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Your Mother will truly be missed. In your time of sorrow, please know that Jehovah God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalms 34:18;jw.org) Look to Him for support because He does care. I hope that you will be comforted by this Scripture.*

ME - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM