



Marva Lou Richards

March 31, 1931 - October 15, 2016

Marva Lou Rice Jenkins Rupert Richards, age 85, of Jackson, Ohio passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, October 15, 2016. She was born in Salyersville, Kentucky on March 31, 1931 to the late John Marvin Rice and Gladys Conley Rice Green.

Marva was a well known teacher for over 35 years teaching in the Jackson City School district as well as in the Columbus City Schools. She was very active in many civic organizations throughout the years where she volunteered countless hours. Marva was a longtime member of the Grace United Methodist Church and most recently attended the Antioch Christian Church as her health permitted.

Marva was a talented artist and faithfully supported the Markay Cultural Arts Center.

Marva loved her family deeply and always set examples for them to follow of hard work, perseverance, generosity and kindness. She was known to her grandchildren, great grandchildren and many others as "Gram".

Marva is survived by husband Alfred Richards, daughter Sally (Greg) Fields and son Don (Karen) Jenkins. Also surviving are grandchildren Kyle (Marty) Exline, Kristin (Josh) Mauer, Shelley (Jason) Brown, Morgan (Kelly) Washam,

DJ Washam, Braxton Jenkins and Austin Jenkins. 12 great grandchildren survive: Katie and Ryan Exline, Keely, Teagan and Jasper Mauer, Haydn, Norah, Thatcher, Phoebe and Rhetting Brown and Willow and Meadow Washam.

Marva is survived by sisters Sara Andrews, Fannie Bregant, Mary Anne Whaley, Sue (Paul) House and Vicki (Jim) Stewart as well as brothers Bill (Marilyn) Green and Paul (Candee) Green. She is survived by special sisters in law Janet Hyden and Edith Jenkins and many loving nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband and father of her children, Donald Jenkins, 2nd husband Joseph Rupert, daughter Patty Sue Washam, and infant grandson Jon Bradley Fields. Also, preceded in death by step father Dudley Green and brothers George Green, Bert Green, Robert Rice, Dudley Green, Jr., L.J. Green, Danny Green and sisters Thelma Jean Rice, Patty Jo Green, Nettie Summers, Martha Litteral, Della Chapman and Sandy Souders.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 2-8 pm at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson with funeral service on Thursday, October 20 at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Officiating will be Pastor Jim Stewart, Pastor Janie Karl and Rev. Larry Boggs. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Markay Cultural Arts Center in Marva's memory. Funeral services are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Aunt Marva was my mentor and like a second mother to me as I was growing up. As a child my parents would every Saturday night visit Aunt Marva and those are some of the happiest memories. I will miss her so much and since my Daddy, her brother Robert Rice, I know how my cousins, Sally and Don feel an send by prayers and condolences to them during this sad time. Aunt Marva you are now in God's care and thank you for the wonderful memories.

Cathy Rice - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry and heart broken to hear of your loss... She was Aunt Marva to me and so many other nieces and nephews. We have loss a wonderful lady... she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was sweet and kind to everyone. She will be dearly missed... I love her so much and I love all of you! Love, Kay

Kay Rice Bannen - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM

KM

“ This lady was a special person. She helped me so much when I first became a school administrator; helping Special Needs and their families to make decisions to enrich their lives. She always had a smile and a word of encouragement for those around. My thought & prayers are with you during this difficult but we will be her again in eternity. Kay Bloss Michael, Webster, New York

Kay Michael - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM

LW

“ So sorry to hear about Marva's passing. She was always such a nice lady. Bless all!

Lee Wallace - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM

CJ

“ She was a great teacher and a good friend

charity Jeffries - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM

JR

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL THE FAMILY.
LOVE KY AND JANET RICE

JANET RICE - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM

RL

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS. JACKSON COUNTY LOST A WONDERFUL LADY AND SUCH A GREAT TEACHER, I HAD HER FOR MY 6TH GRADE TEACHER. I AM NOW 52 YEARS OLD AND HAVE MOVED FROM JACKSON BUT RETURN OFTEN, WHEN I SEE HER AROUND JACKSON SHE ALWAYS REMEMBERED ME ! WHEN YOU MOVE FROM YOUR HOME TOWN YOU DON'T REALIZE HOW GREAT OF A PLACE JACKSON, OHIO REALLY IS AND THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE LIKE MRS. JENKINS WHO WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART AS WELL AS MY MEMORIES !! GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND MAY YOU REST IN PEACE !!

RICK (ROCKY) LEACH - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM

NF

“ I had just finished Aunt Martha's Christmas card and checking on computer to see if I had the right address and found her obituary. I immediately wept as if my heart was broken and was even more saddened to read on of the loss of so many family members including my Dad, Bert Greene. Though I have not seen the family for years I have never forgotten the magic of childhood when attending family reunions with such a large and loving family. If my Mom, Bethel, were living she would say as she did so many times, "Oh, I love Marva Lou, she is so sweet." Aunt Martha and I have exchanged Christmas cards, letters and pictures in the last years. My warmest condolences to every family member. I know each one is bereft at the loss of Aunt Martha.

Nora Greene French - June 29, 2018 at 09:53 AM