



Frances Pauline Clifton

February 14, 1926 - August 1, 2015

Frances Pauline (Mitchell) Clifton, 89, of Monticello, a respected past teacher in the Rush County School Systems, was called home to be with the Lord at 12:33am, on Saturday, August 1, 2015. She was born on February 14, 1926, to the late Marion Paul and Gertrude Anna (Rowen) Mitchell, in Battle Ground, Indiana.

Frances was raised on a farm with eight siblings during the economic upheaval of the Great Depression. From a young age, she learned the importance of God, family and hard work. Her childhood memories included tending to the chickens, hogs, cattle, picking berries and melons from the truck patch, and modeling with her siblings in publications of the Farm Bureau Magazine.

Frances graduated from Battle Grounds High School in 1944. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Science at Purdue University, where she met the love of her life, Harold "Bud" Clarence Clifton, Jr., to whom she was united in marriage on June 26, 1948. They bought a farm in Rushville and were blessed with two daughters, Candyce and Mary Fran. After Bud's sudden passing, Fran continued her studies at Ball State in Education; earning her Master's Degree in 1973. Mrs. Clifton proudly dedicated 26 years of service teaching kindergarten, Home Economics, Science, and 5th Grade at the Rushville Consolidated Schools and honorably retired in the 80's.

A true definition of a selfless, intelligent and inspirational leader, she attended the Monticello Methodist Church, Rushville Presbyterian Church, and Rushville Christian Church. Her memberships included Tri Kappa, Fortnightly, Red Hat Society, Bridge Club, and served as past secretary for the Indiana Women Educators.

She was a talented cook and even famous for making homemade noodles. In her spare time, she liked to play card games, sew and quilt. Above all, Frances thoroughly enjoyed spending time with loved ones, entertaining crowds by hosting gatherings and preparing meals. She once said, "The more we get together the happier you'll be."

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Jean Warner, David Mitchell, Floyd Mitchell and Jessie Mitchell; grandchildren, Anna and Joseph Krumwiede; brother-in-law, Jack Weekley and sister-in-laws, Shirley and Mary Mitchell.

Survivors include her daughters, Candyce Louise Krumwiede (husband, David) of Johns Island, South Carolina and Mary Fran Hadley (husband, Dean) of Monrovia; siblings, Marjorie Heman (husband, Don) of Battle Ground, Carol Crooksten (husband, Donald) of Muncie, Ruth Weekley of Wabash and Phillip Mitchell (wife, Nancy) of Milroy; Oveta Mitchell of Lafayette; grandchildren, Laura Scott (husband, Emerson) of Stillwater, Minnesota, Erin Ennis (husband, Adam) of Monrovia, Rachel Wegner (husband, Logan) of Brazil, Sara Hadley of Monrovia and Colleen Hadley of Monrovia; great grandchildren, Ainsley Scott, Easton and Abel Ennis.

The funeral service will begin at 1pm, on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at Moster Mortuary in Rushville, with visitation held from 11am. Entombment will immediately follow the service in the East Hill Shrine Mausoleum, Rushville.

Phil Mitchell will preside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Harold and Frances Clifton Scholarship Fund, 117 N. Main Street, Rushville.

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Pauline Clifton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Christy Pavey lit a candle in memory of Frances Pauline Clifton*



Christy Pavey - January 04, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *We send our deep sympathy to your family for the loss of your mom, Frances. With each new day may God (Ps.34:18) give you the strength to cope. She touched the lives of others and will be sadly missed.*

Kindred Family - August 12, 2015 at 03:01 AM



“ *My "Other Mother" and my "little sisters" will always live on in my heart. Grateful for the time we had together. Love from Jane*

Jane Berkemeier Howard - August 08, 2015 at 11:05 AM

CK

“ *Candyce Clifton Krumwiede lit a candle in memory of Frances Pauline Clifton*



Candyce Clifton Krumwiede - August 08, 2015 at 06:28 AM

JJ

“ *Candy, Mary Fran and families,*

We have many fond memories, time we spent with your family. Your mom loved her family and friends very much. She was a special lady, and we send our love and prayers of comfort to you.

Jana (Turner) and Rick Jay family, Jeff and Debbie (Masters) Turner family, and Liz Turner

Jana (Turner) Jay - August 05, 2015 at 09:14 PM

JS

“ *Candy and family:*

I remember your Mom and the cabin that you had to walk over the swinging bridge to get to. I still live in Rushville and think of you and your family when I drive past the home place. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Jane Floyd Springman

Jane Floyd Springman - August 04, 2015 at 05:04 PM

ET

“ Elizabeth Turner lit a candle in memory of Frances Pauline Clifton



Elizabeth Turner - August 04, 2015 at 12:51 AM

DS

“ Candy, Mary Fran and Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother, Fran. I will fondly remember all the good times with her at the Lake. The entire Suter family sends our sincere condolences to you and the hope that Wednesday will be a celebration of a life well-lived. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
The Suters

Don Suter - August 03, 2015 at 01:34 PM

RS

“ Wanted to send along my condolences to the entire family, and to say how sorry I am for your loss. Although I will not be with you on Wednesday, you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.
Ruth Suter

Ruth Suter - August 03, 2015 at 01:30 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances Pauline Clifton.



August 03, 2015 at 01:00 PM

CP

“ *Mrs. Clifton was my 5th grade teacher at Milroy and she was the best! Kind with a firm hand...thoughtful and generous. It is with a heavy heart that I express condolences to her family. God bless you!*

Christy (Beck) Pavey

Christy Pavey - August 03, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Greg Raika - August 03, 2015 at 07:37 AM

