



Mary Ray Wood

October 9, 2017 - October 11, 2006

Mary Ray Wood, the daughter of Earl Hand Wood and Mary Ray Wood, died October 11, 2006, in Tyler, Smith County, Texas. She was born October 9, 1917, in Tyler and graduated from Tyler High School in 1934. She attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in social studies from the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Later, she earned a masters degree in school personnel and counseling from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. In 1950, she studied modern politics at Oxford University in England.

Miss Wood began her teaching career in Worthington, New Mexico, and then returned to Texas to continue that career. As a founder of Alvin Community College in Alvin, Texas, she taught there and helped to establish Alvin's chapter of the American Association of University Women. During her career, she also taught in Grapeland and Hawkins, Texas.

She will be remembered by her family, friends, and former students as an independent woman of uncompromising character who instilled in her students a lifelong interest in history and the ethics of American politics. She was a generously supportive member of a family with deep roots in Smith County and will be missed by all of those whose lives were touched by her.

Miss Wood was a member of Swan Baptist Church in Swan, Texas. Visitation for family and friends will be held at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2006, followed by a chapel service at 3:00 p.m. She will be interred at Hopewell Cemetery in Swan, Texas.

Memorial gifts may be made to Swan Baptist Church or any other charitable organization.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Miss Wood was my American History and World History teacher in Alvin High School, she also taught two of my children. She set the bar for the teaching profession and was a grand lady. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Billy J. Hawkins##imported-end##*

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“ *Miss Wood was my American History Teacher at Alvin High School. She was a great lady and a distinct credit to the teaching profession.##imported-begin##William A. Hillers##imported-end##*

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