



Mrs. Alverene S. Owen

April 12, 1930 - June 21, 2016

Mrs. Alverene Smallwood Owen, age 86, of Lacey's Spring, died Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in Shepherd's Cove Hospice.

Funeral service will be June 23, 2016, at 4 p.m. in Rescue United Methodist Church in Morgan City. The body will lie in state at the church from 2-4 p.m. on the day of service. Brother Jarod Andrews and Brother Frankie Flack will officiate. Benny Thurman will provide the singing.

Burial will be in Rescue Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 22, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. in Brindlee Mt. Chapel in Morgan City.

Mrs. Owen was born April 12, 1930, to Welmer and Leona Clark Smallwood. She taught school in the Morgan County School System, retiring after 31 years. She then started a second career with Wal-Mart, working there for 17 years. She graduated from Jacksonville State with a BS degree, a Master's Degree and AA from Alabama A&M. She was a member of Alabama Teacher's Association. Mrs. Owen was an active member of Rescue Methodist Church and especially loved working with the youth. She was married to Ray Owen.

Survivors are her husband of 57 1/2 years: Ray Owen; her son: W. Ray Owen; nieces, nephews, many friends, former students, and church family. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother: Henry Clifton (H.C.) Smallwood & sister: Olene Smallwood Blevins.

Pallbearers will be Stanley Black, Stuart Black, Michel Childers, James Dunn,

Greg Parker,

Cemetery Details

Rescue Cemetery (Morgan City Community)

3071 Rescue Road
Union Grove, AL 35175

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brindlee Mountain Chapel Funeral Home
3552 Highway 231
Lacey's Spring, AL 35754
(256) 498-7100

Lie-In-State

JUN **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Rescue United Methodist Church
3060 Rescue Road;
Morgan City Community
Union Grove, AL 35175

Service

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VG

“ I am so sorry that I didn't find out about her in time to attend the service. I miss her and her smiling face! She told me frequently of memories of my kids in her class. She was a special lady!!!

Vera Gentry - July 03, 2016 at 02:32 PM

DC

“ Darlene Pocus Cassady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alverene S. Owen



Darlene Pocus Cassady - June 24, 2016 at 05:23 AM

JH

“ She was sweet as candy, always had a hug for me.

Johnny Holloway - June 23, 2016 at 06:07 AM



“ Everyone loved Alverene! I wasn't lucky enough to have had her as a teacher, but Stanley did and he always said that she was the best teacher he ever had! She always stopped me when I came in at Walmart and asked, "How's my boyfriend?" She loved Stanley and he sure loved her too! I don't know how she managed to remember the names of all her students, but she did! She once told me that there aren't any BAD kids...just some that need a little more attention than others! Heaven has gained a very sweet angel! Love you Mrs Alverene! Prayers of comfort for Ray and Little Ray! Love you all!

Carmon Black - June 22, 2016 at 06:16 PM

DP

“Loved Mrs. Alverene. She was my teacher many years ago at Union Hill school. Such a sweet, fun-loving lady who was always positive and cared so much for others. Regardless of age, she was "forever young".

Dianne Prestridge - June 22, 2016 at 03:10 PM

 Myra Feemster

I loved her, such a happy sweetheart all of the time. Worked with her many moons. Rest in Peace sweet lady and prayers for the Rays!

Myra Feemster - June 22, 2016 at 03:45 PM

SW

“I remember putting on a play. Mrs. Alvarene and Mrs. Lenox had their hands full. Lord but we were a rowdy bunch. It was a miracle we ever made it through practice. Mrs. Alvarene was also a good friend to Mammaw, Lucille West. Thank you Mrs. Alvarene. God bless your family, not just today but everyday. Life is short but the days without you will be long.

Sonya West Whitt - June 22, 2016 at 02:29 PM

 Myra Feemster

Loved her! Such a sweetheart. I worked with her for many moons . Prayers to the Rays! And to all family and friends who were blessed with knowing and loving her.

Myra Feemster - June 22, 2016 at 03:47 PM

LV

“ Love to you both - Kay, Bill, and Tatem, Virginia purchased the Personally Yours - Your Smile for the family of Mrs. Alverene S. Owen.



Love to you both - Kay, Bill, and Tatem, Virginia - June 22, 2016 at 01:44 PM

DB

“ What can I say: Alverene Owen was my favorite teacher, I was a scared little girl when I started in the 4th grade at Union Hill School, Alverene Owen took me "under her wing" and I would not be the lady I am today without Alverene Owen!

Diane Oden Blake - June 22, 2016 at 01:25 PM

KF

“ Kathy, Kay and Frances purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Alverene S. Owen.



Kathy, Kay and Frances - June 22, 2016 at 01:01 PM

PH

“ I think everybody loved Ms Alverene! I worked with her at Walmart and I certainly did!!! She was a wonderful woman and such a joy. She enjoyed life and loved to have a good time. She will be missed....prayers for all♥♥♥♥♥

phyllis - June 22, 2016 at 12:19 PM

EK

“ She definitely had a hearts and hands that loved children. I didn't have her as my 4th grade teacher, but I knew and respected her all the same. She will be truly missed and will be fondly remembered in the hearts of 100's of former students.

Edith Walker King

Edith Walker King - June 22, 2016 at 12:13 PM

DP

“ Everyone who lived on the "Mountain" in the 60's, 70's, and 80s probably knew her or had a child that was in her class. I never heard her yell or lose her temper, and knowing the kids in my class, we probably gave her plenty of excuses to do so. She was my 4th grade teacher, but also a relative and friend. In later years if I went in Walmart and didn't notice her she chased me down for a hug. They just don't make them like her anymore. May God bless her family at this difficult time.

David Parsons

David Parsons - June 22, 2016 at 11:47 AM

TF

“ I will never forget Mrs Owen. She was a truly special, giving and beautiful person inside and out, who always made everyone around her feel loved. My heartfelt prayers go out to her family. She will be missed.



The Barnett Family - June 22, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Owens family in this difficult time, bless them and Ms Alverene.*



Kellee Byrd - June 22, 2016 at 10:36 AM

JP

“ *Mrs Owens was my 4th grade teacher and a very sweet, kind and dear lady and friend in my later years! Loved fixing her hair after we finished lessons, and I remember she would pull the blinds and let us girls have her room to dance in sometimes. I have never heard a bad word spoken of Mrs Owens. After she became a greeter at Walmart in her later years she was still Mrs Owens out of respect and endearment and she always had a hug and a bright red smile for you at that entrance way and she always knew your name!!!*
Joan Mangum Pullen

Joan Mangum Pullen - June 22, 2016 at 08:36 AM

FW

I was married to her brother, H.C. We had two daughters, Kathy Lynn Smallwood Cooke and Sharon Kay Smallwood Faircloth. Alverene was the best sister-in-law ever. I know she is at peace with her family in Heaven. She had such a wonderful sense of humor and loved everyone. My prayers and thoughts go out to Ray and "Little Ray." She will sorely missed by everyone and especially by her family. Rest in Peace, Alverene. I loved you so much.

Frances Spain Walther - June 22, 2016 at 11:45 AM

DS

“ Duane Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alverene S. Owen



Duane Sanders - June 22, 2016 at 08:27 AM

DS

Ms Owens was a grand Teacher and Friend. I had her in the fourth grade in the early 70's. I think she remembered each students name that she taught. She loved all her students. I was glad to call her a friend and teacher. She always gave each of her students a lot of love and respect. God Bless this Family and Ms Owens.

Duane Sanders - June 22, 2016 at 08:30 AM

ST

“ She was my father and mothers teacher and then became my 4th grade teacher. I ran into Alverene at walmart after not seeing her for probably 35 years. What did she say? Before i could say a word she says "Stanley Tyler how nice it is to see you" I was stunned that she remembered or even recognized me. Mrs, Owen is and always will be my favorite teacher ever.



stanley tyler - June 22, 2016 at 07:55 AM

AB

“ Angela Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alverene S. Owen



Angela Byrd - June 22, 2016 at 07:54 AM

AB

Mrs. Owen was the sweetest person; I loved her dearly, she will be greatly missed!

Angela Byrd - June 22, 2016 at 07:56 AM

AS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I will always remember Mrs. Owens as a great lady. She was my 4th grade teacher and a blessing to those who knew her. Such a wonderful person.*

Alyne Sanford - June 22, 2016 at 07:05 AM



“ *Mrs. Alverene was a wonderful woman. I worked with her at Wal Mart. She was always wearing crazy hats to raise money for Childrens Miracle Network. She loved the children. RIP Mrs. Alverene.*



Cynthia Dudley - June 22, 2016 at 05:48 AM

SH

“ *I loved Mrs. Owens, she was true Angel. She will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Shelia Holcombe - June 22, 2016 at 05:10 AM

TW

“ *I was in Mrs. Owens class in 1972. She was the best teacher. You felt special and loved in her class. She was also my third cousin. She will be missed so much. I think of her every time I go into the South Parkway Wal-Mart. It always made me feel so warm when she told me she loved me.*

Theresa Watson Whisenant - June 21, 2016 at 10:01 PM

BG

“ *Beatrice Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alverene S. Owen*



Beatrice Griffin - June 21, 2016 at 09:59 PM

MI

“ *MARILYNN IRVIN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alverene S. Owen*



MARILYNN IRVIN - June 21, 2016 at 07:49 PM