



Margaret Daniel

February 18, 1920 - December 9, 2018

Margaret Eugenia Daniel, renowned educator of Little River County, Arkansas, and loving grandmother, mother and wife, passed away peacefully December 9, 2018 in Stuttgart, AR. Having lived a full life dedicated to family, friendships and enriching the lives of others, she was 98.

Born Feb. 18, 1920 in Richmond, AR, to Myrtle Wade and Howell (Pete) Cobb. Margaret graduated from Southern Arkansas University, then known as Magnolia A & M, and completed graduate work at Henderson State University of Arkadelphia. She married Noble Brassfield Daniel Jr June 22, 1940 in Richmond.

Margaret began her long teaching career in Richmond. When her husband joined World War II, Mrs. Daniel started teaching at Ashdown Elementary. She lived in a small apartment near the school and waited every morning for the children to pass by to join them on the walk to class.

In her 40 years as either a classroom teacher or principal, she became a strong and positive influence on countless students and fellow educators. Among her numerous accolades was being named Arkansas Teacher of the Year in 1976. That was the year of the U.S. Bicentennial and Mrs. Daniel chose to make it memorable for her students. She set up a classroom like a one-room school house with logs for seats, and another room as an antique kitchen with a butter churn. Outside was a barnyard with chickens, goats and a cow, which Mrs. Daniel delighted in milking.

She is described by those she mentored as caring, dignified, poised and a

true southern lady. The elementary school in Ashdown is named in her honor. Following her retirement, she enjoyed numerous adventures with her husband, traveling in their RV. He preceded her in death in 1997.

In 2005, the Ashdown School District established the Margaret Daniel Educational Foundation. Organizers credit her influence with assisting in raising money to fund grants for unique and challenging materials for students as well as professional training for educators.

Mrs. Daniel relocated to Stuttgart in 2011. She is survived by her son Dr. Noble Daniel III and wife Whitney of Stuttgart; granddaughter Margaret Scott Daniel Berg and husband Roger and two great-grandsons Tyler and Grayson of Colorado.

She was a member of the Ashdown First United Methodist Church; Little River County Retired Teachers Association; honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Gamma Mu Chapter; and Ashdown Senior Citizens Center. She attended First United Methodist Church in Stuttgart, and was involved with Stuttgart retired teachers and the Stuttgart Senior Center.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Daniel's memory may be honored by contributions to the Margaret Daniel Primary Educational Foundation, 171 S. Locust, Attn: Kari Harger, Ashdown, AR 71822 or the First United Methodist Church in Ashdown or Stuttgart, or Seniors Centers of Ashdown or Stuttgart. A memorial Service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Ashdown at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 16, 2018.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
145 E Commerce Street
Ashdown, AR 71822

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Daniel*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *I'm sad to hear the news of Mrs. Daniels passing. As so many others, I remember her to be a lovely lady who was so very caring toward all children. Sincere condolences to Dan & your family.*

Honey LeMay - December 21, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *Mrs. Daniel was a true lady and a dedicated and outstanding educator. Growing up in Ashdown, I have many fond memories associated with Mrs. Daniel and her family. My sincerest condolences to Dan and family.*

Charlotte Burnett - December 16, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ *I started teaching in 1967 first grade at Burke Street Elementary School in Ashdown. Mrs. Daniel was the best principal I ever had. She cared so much for the children. It was all about the children. I learned so much from her. I went on to be an administrator and she remained my role model all these years until I retired several years ago. She touched so many lives. I know all the teachers and children and parents in Heaven welcomed her and hugged her just the way she did them on Earth. She gave herself... 100 percent all the time. Now it is your time to rest Mrs. Daniel. You will be missed but never forgotten.*



Peggy Dildy Cox - December 15, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Daniel.*



December 14, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ *My fondest memories of Burke St. Elementary include Mrs. Daniel.. I remember her coming to our home when I was in first grade selling world book encyclopediasshe loved her school children & we all loved her. My thoughts & prayers are with her family for their loss.. God Bless*



Debbie Jewell Grimes - December 14, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ *My heart is heavy upon hearing about the loss of your precious loved one, Margaret Daniel. She was my favorite volunteer at the Ashdown Senior Center. She was such a kind and caring person to everyone she was in contact with. I appreciated her wisdom that she shared with me whenever I asked. She was a beautiful woman in every way. I was so fortunate to have known her.*

*Sincerely,
Marina Gayle King
Former Little River County
Director, SWADC*

Marina Gayle King - December 14, 2018 at 03:50 PM



“ *My sympathy Dan & family for a tremendous lady & educator*
David Reynolds, Camden



David Reynolds - December 14, 2018 at 08:29 AM



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Madden Funeral Home - December 13, 2018 at 08:58 AM