



Cathy Millwood

November 7, 1949 - January 30, 2015

Cathy Millwood, 65, of 14 Dug Hill Rd, Landrum, died Friday, January 30, at the Hospice House of the Carolina Foothills, following a long battle with cancer.

She was the daughter of the late G.W. and Louise Corne of Duncan, and the wife of the late John W. (Billy) Millwood Jr., of Greer.

Surviving is one son, J.W. III and his wife, Angela Millwood, and three grandchildren, Emily Grace, William Henry, and John Samuel. She attended Columbia College, Converse College and finished her degree and teaching certificate from the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. She taught music 5 years during the Piedmont Schools Project at Crestview Elementary. Then moved to Skyland Elementary where she taught 25 years as a kindergarten teacher. During her teaching career, she was the recipient of Teacher of the Year, a 2-time winner of the Golden Apple Award, inducted into Alpha Delta Kappa honorary teaching sorority and honored twice in Who's Who in America's Teachers.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church while living in Greer, where she was a soloist in the choir for many years. She soloed at many other churches and was a member of the Greenville Civic Rotary Chorale. When she moved to Landrum, she became a member of the Tryon Little Theater where she performed in many plays and musicals. She was a board member of the theater as well as a board member of the Lake Lanier Civic Association. There will be a gathering of friends and family who wish to honor her memory

on Friday, February 6, at 2 pm at Mountain View Cemetery in Greer.

Memorials may be made to St Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place,
Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery
303 North Avenue
Greer, SC 29650

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Cathy Millwood during my years as a student at Crestview Elementary in in Greer. She was our music teacher. Bad Bad Leroy Brown. Stewball. Where Have All the Flowers Gone.. Just some of the unforgettable songs she sang to us. Also the record player where she would often play Tom T. Hall's "Sneaky Snake" quite often. I had an appreciation for music at a very early age. Ms. Millwood strengthened that appreciation. She had that kind of special personality that made us look forward to her coming in every day. I even recall a day when she was rolling her cart in the classroom door and got it hung or hit a bump and a bowl of crayons went sailing to the floor, scattering them everywhere. Nearly every student had a hand in picking them up for her. That's how loved and appreciated she was. R.I.P. dear lady.

Mike Williams - August 30, 2016 at 08:14 PM

SM

“ Sarah McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Cathy Millwood



Sarah McIntyre - February 22, 2015 at 10:48 AM

LI

“ LindaDuncanEvans lit a candle in memory of Cathy Millwood



LindaDuncanEvans - February 07, 2015 at 06:51 PM

LI

Remember our time at Byrnes , class of 67

LindaDuncanEvans - February 07, 2015 at 06:53 PM

SD

I am so sorry to hear about Cathy's passing. Cancer is such a brutal sickness. I lost my mother to Cancer about a year and half ago, so I know how tough it can be. Cathy is in a better place now and she will be remembered.

I will keep your family in my thought and prayers, as you go through this difficult time.

*Sincerely Yours,
Skip Davenport*

skip davenport - February 09, 2015 at 07:50 AM

EG

“ *She was the best kindergarten teacher I ever met. She will be missed by family and friends and former students alike. God Bless you all.*

Emily Gomez

Emily Gomez - February 06, 2015 at 11:14 AM

AM

“ J W and Angela ,

I had the breath knocked out of me when Jean Ann told me about Cathy. I still can't believe it. We had so much fun together. All the fun beach trips, teaching together at Skyland, going out to eat and so many other things. When I told her I was ready to do student teaching after going back to finish my degree, she called and insisted that I ask to do it with her at Skyland. The rest is history. Not only did we have a blast, but I was lucky enough to spend the rest of my teaching career at the best school in Greenville County. She helped guide me. She was such an amazing friend and she will be greatly missed. Heaven is surely in a grand state of affairs now welcoming Cathy! Please know that she will be missed!! I'm thankful for the many students and people her life touched. Rest in that knowledge. Autumn, Ashley, and I are thinking of you and praying for your comfort. We love y'all.

Adah Morrison - February 06, 2015 at 01:21 AM

JR

*I was truly saddened when I heard of Cathy's passing. We were neighbors, childhood friends, and our parents were best of friends. I spent many nights at Cathy's house, rode horses, bikes, snow sledding, endless nights of hide-in-seek, monopoly, etc. with other neighbors. We even took piano lessons from the same lady at her house in Duncan. She even got me to like potato chips with ketchup. I truly loved her and her parents!!!
My family moved to North Carolina after I graduated and we were only able to see each other a few times after our move.
She will always be in my heart and I will always cherish the many beautiful memories that we shared. The world just lost a fantastic lady and heaven gained a true angel.*

jan hendrix richardson - February 06, 2015 at 09:17 AM

JA

“ I met Cathy at her home on Dec. 26, 2014. Even though she was very ill her presence and spirit was so alive. As she told me a few things about herself and her life, I quickly learned Chloe, JW and his family and Clare were those she lived for, but she was reluctantly ready to say "good-bye." I am sorry for her sufferings and for those of you who miss her so much. I'm thankful to have met her.

Joyce Allen
Hospice Volunteer

Joyce Allen - February 05, 2015 at 02:47 PM

VH

“ Cathy Millwood was always one of my favorite people. She was so full of life and exemplified the definition of "spunk". Who else would teach kindergartners to sing "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown"? The world is bound to be a little less fun without Cathy. My sympathies to JW and his family.

Val Hendrickson

Val Hendrickson - February 05, 2015 at 02:28 PM

DC

“ Cathy and I grew up together in Duncan, SC. She and I attended Girl Scouts and elementary school together. Our Mothers both worked at Lyman Printing and Finishing and were good friends -- antiquing buddies. I remember all of the times that Cathy and I played together at her house after our troop meeting while waiting for our Mother's to come home from work. I waited for my Mom at Cathy's house.

There are two stories that I remember the best.

One involved her red Irish Setter who was a wild man! He came across the street to the school grounds when we students were outside. He found me one day and in trying to get him to go home, he knocked me down. I was in middle school and, therefore, wearing a dress (late '50's/early '60's). It was not a pretty scene. I never tried to rescue Cathy's dog again. The other memory involves a refrigerator box that Cathy put in her front yard under an enormous magnolia tree. She and that box became a conversation piece in Duncan because she turned it into a house. What wonderful fun. I was so envious of that refrigerator box!

She was a wonderful childhood friend. I simply cannot believe that she is gone. May God bless and keep her whole family.

Deborah Compton - February 05, 2015 at 09:38 AM

PN

“ We lived on Lake Lanier for many years and always watched for the Tryon Little Theatre productions that had Cathy as a cast member. She was so talented and we really enjoyed all those great plays. We were so sorry to hear of your loss and pray that God will be with all of her family during this very sad time. She will be greatly missed by so many. God Bless you all. Doug and Peggy Nodine

Peggy Nodine - February 04, 2015 at 10:07 AM

KL

“ Ms Millwood was my kindergarten teacher 35 years ago. She was so talented and special. The impression she made on molding me as a small child was priceless. Thank you JW for sharing your awesome mom with all of us.

Praying for comfort for all of the family.

- Kellie Lindsey

Kellie Lindsey - February 03, 2015 at 07:41 PM

RA

“ Renee Mullinax Atkins lit a candle in memory of Cathy Millwood



renee mullinax atkins - February 03, 2015 at 05:44 PM

RA

“ I was in Mrs.Millwood's '78-'79 kindergarten class at skyland. She was the best kindergarten teacher I have ever seen. Put me on a good start for school. My prayers are with all of the family.

renee mullinax atkins - February 03, 2015 at 05:42 PM

JG

“ Julie Gathings sent a virtual gift in memory of Cathy Millwood



Julie Gathings - February 03, 2015 at 02:32 PM

JG

“ JW, we are so sorry for your loss. The girls and I still remember Cathy playing the guitar at Rilla Rin...singing...and going to the cabin during the construction. She loved being there. Knowing she is not in pain or suffering anymore I hope brings you, Angela, Gracie, Henry and Sam comfort. She will be missed but she was loved by so many. Very talented beautiful lady!!! Love you all

Julie Gathings - February 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM

HB

“ She was my kindergarten teacher and still to this day, I remember her face, songs and wonderful spirit so very well!! She was one of the best teachers in my Life! Love and prayers for her family and rest assured you received a beautiful angel in Heaven!

Heath Bruce - February 02, 2015 at 12:32 PM

 Christy Nichols

“ My deepest sympathies for Ms. Millwood ' s family. She was my kindergarten teacher and 30 years later I can still remember the way she sang and played the guitar. Heaven has gained an angel.

Christy Nichols - February 01, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ Thinking of you all. Our prayers will be with you Rick and Dale Black

Dale Black - February 01, 2015 at 08:33 PM

MT

“ J.W. my prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry to hear of the death of your mom. She was a precious lady. Mertie Taylor

Mertie Taylor - February 01, 2015 at 08:26 PM

CI

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Cathy. She was one of the best teachers I have ever had the privilege of knowing, and so glad my children had the privilege of having her.... She was one of a kind.....May you all have a wonderful feeling to know she touched so many children and had a positive impact on their lives.. She really cared!!! Her sweet nurturing nature, I know will be missed by her Son, his wife and her Grandchildren, which deepens my sadness, but know that all the light she shined on others she is now being Blessed with that of her own.. She was truly a Golden Apple when my son Brandon Inman and daughter Sabrina Inman Godfrey had her. May God Bless you and Keep you near him during this hard time and always..... The Family of Phillip & Colleen Inman



colleen bryant Inman - February 01, 2015 at 01:33 PM



“ Alan and Becky Hughes send our thoughts and prayers to the family. I taught with Cathy in the late '70s and learned so much from her in our time together. A lovely person.

Becky Hughes - February 01, 2015 at 01:23 PM

BB

“ Bob And Alice Burnett lit a candle in memory of Cathy Millwood



Bob and Alice Burnett - February 01, 2015 at 12:30 PM

JJ

“What a beautiful lady inside and out... Her light continues to shine in those of us whose lives she touched. I think those of us who had the privilege to be touched by her were forever touched by her kindness and the passion she had for her "kids". I'm 33 years old and when I think back on my school career Mrs. Millwood is one teacher that I still think of frequently. I'm know the world will be a little quieter without her and there will be a little less smiles but know her memory and legacy live on through all the lives she touched. Because of this she will never be truly gone!



Jeanette Johnson-Watts - February 01, 2015 at 10:24 AM

RR

“I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Ms. Millwood was my kindergarten teacher and by far was one of my favorites! She really went out of her way to make school a fun start. Prayers for your family!

Regina Medford Rabb - February 01, 2015 at 08:22 AM

AR

“As a current kindergarten teacher I often look back on my kindergarten days with Mrs. Millwood (31 years ago) ... She was the reason I got up every morning and went to school. I wanted to see what fun thing we were going to do or what song she would play for us on her guitar. She had a huge impact on me and I can only hope I am having the same impact on the 25 little I now teach.

Angela Waters Raines - February 01, 2015 at 08:16 AM

SG

“ *Mrs. Millwood was my kindergarten teacher. I'm 30 years old and still think of her often and the impact she had in my life. She was such a beautiful and caring person!*

Sabrina Sexton Garrett - February 01, 2015 at 07:07 AM

AS

“ *I am 30 years old now and to this day I still have so many fond memories of being in Mrs. Millwood's kindergarten class at Skyland Elementary. As a 5 year old at the time I was always in such awe of her whipping out her guitar to play and sing songs to us everyday. I'm sure my eyes, as well as others, were as big as saucers sitting on the mat in front of her everyday. My favorite was the "purple people eater" song. She had such a wonderful, fun loving personality and sweet spirit! She was so loved by any kid that knew her then, and I know as adults now we all share a lot of great memories with her. Such a wonderful teacher full of life!*

Amanda Payne Samuels - February 01, 2015 at 06:54 AM

JL

“ *This is such sad news. This was My kindergarten teacher and forever friend. She was amazing and so sad to hear. Praying for the family. And I plan to attend the memorial service on the 6th.*

Jessica Leopard - February 01, 2015 at 01:28 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Millwood's passing. I am 29 years old and I remember her very well as my kindergarten teacher! It may have been 24 years ago, but I remember really enjoying her class! I would certainly be there to honor her if I still lived in the area. Again, my sincerest condolences.

Leanna (Harrison) Perdue

Leanna Perdue - February 01, 2015 at 12:03 AM

 Kay Farmer

“ I remember when my oldest daughter started school, Cathy was waiting on the front steps of Skyland and when I had to drag my daughter up the steps she had her pegged immediately as a drama queen, lol. That is the first time I have ever heard the term "dying the death of a ragdoll" She was an excellent teacher and an amazing human being. She will be missed and remembered by every student and parent who ever had the good fortune to know her.

Kay Farmer - January 31, 2015 at 10:45 PM

JW

“ Mrs. Millwood taught myself and my brother 7 years apart. She was a wonderful teacher and person! Even after we both had moved on, she still knew exactly who we were many years later! She will always be missed!

Jessi Woods - January 31, 2015 at 09:48 PM

AJ

“ J W and Angela my heart goes out to you all. Cathy was such a courageous person. I never heard her say why me. She was a jewel. Will keep you all in my prayers.



Azalee Jones - January 31, 2015 at 05:54 PM