



Norma Bruce

April 7, 1941 - March 14, 2012

Norma Faye Clement Bruce, 70, of 370 Clement Loop Road, died March 14, 2012.

Daughter of the late Edward Miles Clement and Rose Montgomery Clement, she was born and lived most of her life at Clement Home Place, her family's ancestral home and farm in the Holly Springs Community.

She had been a member of Holly Springs Baptist Church since her conversion at age 8.

She earned a B.A. Degree in Music (Voice Performance) and a M.A. Degree in English from East Tennessee State University, where she was soprano soloist with the University Concert Choir.

She taught English at East Tennessee State University; at Abingdon High School in Abingdon, Virginia; at Wade Hampton High School in Greenville; and at Mabry Junior High in Inman.

She is survived by her only sister, Ann Clement Wall (David) of Lyman Lake; her double-first cousin, Sara Clement Dotherow of Greenville; and by her former husband, Jerry A. Bruce of Greer.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, with burial to follow in the family plot.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Saturday at Clement Home Place.

Memorials may be made to Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 251 Hannon Road, Inman, SC 29349.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Decedent's Home

Service

MAR 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Ann,

I am so sorry to hear of Norma's death! My thoughts are with you at this time. I will write.

Love,

Lauren##imported-begin##Lauren Mallory##imported-end##

March 16, 2012 at 11:51 PM



“ Dear Ann, Sara, Jerry & family, I am so sorry for your loss. Norma will be missed by so many, but she has left behind a tremendous legacy of love and kindness that will never be forgotten. From students, family and friends, Normas touched lives wherever she went. The epitome of a true Southern Belle, Norma set the bar high for all of us. A real lady!##imported-begin##Patsy Wham##imported-end##

March 16, 2012 at 08:41 AM



“ Mrs. Bruce was a wonderful teacher and mentor, who made a lasting impression in my life. She is one of the main reasons that I love literature today. Her love for poetry is why I love to read poetry today. I have always been fond of her. Just two years ago when my dad passed away I recieved in the mail the sweetest note from her telling me how sorry she was for my loss and how she thought of me often. She was an inspiration to many of her students and will be greatly missed. Heaven gained a new beautiful angel. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Barbara Kay Hall Bagwell##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 05:27 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go up for Norma's family...have known Norma since grammar school...Georgia Nodine Littlefield, Barbara Nodine Pittman, Tina Nodine Henderson, and Peggy Nodine Miller##imported-begin##Georgia Nodine Littlefield##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 05:27 PM



“ Mrs. Bruce was the epitome of what an English teacher should be. I will always remember her great Southern charm, grace, and class. I am BLESSED to have had her as a student. She and others like her are a major reason I am an educator today. Although I had not seen or talked to her in many, many years, I still have fond memories of her and her class. Education desperately needs more like her and she will truly be missed. May God grant her family a peace that surpasses all understanding.
Love and God Bless.##imported-begin##Mark Dempsey##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 04:51 PM



“ Dearest Ann,

Our deepest sympathy in the passing of your sweet sister norma. She was a wonderful friend, teacher and neighbor. norma will truly be missed.

*Love,
GAIL, Louie, Sara &
Family##imported-begin##Gail Vaughn##imported-end##*

March 15, 2012 at 03:40 PM



“ Norma was a dear music friend and then a new friend who was a teacher, a writer, and such a loving compassionate person. We were next door neighbors in the dorm at North Greenville. It was always fun to be there with her, Shirley, and Faye. She was a spirited, lovely person.

I am so glad that we had some time together again in the last couple of years. I am glad I knew her.

Beulah Webb Pope##imported-begin##Beulah Webb Pope##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 02:57 PM



“ Ann, So sorry to hear of Norma's death. I will always remember the good times we ALL had some years ago. She was a sweet person and I know she will be missed. My prayers to you and the family in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Keitt Wilson##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 10:46 AM



“ GREAT LADY.HAVE A LOT OF PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF NORMA AND HER FAMILY.FIRST CLASS PERSON.##imported-begin##BOB AND SANDRA HARGETT##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 09:54 AM



“ Ann we were so saddend to learn of Norma's passig. I know you will miss her and she will be missed by the community and all of us. We loved her too. You and the family are in our prayers during the difficult days ahead##imported-begin##Ronnie and Donna Parker##imported-end##

March 15, 2012 at 09:46 AM



“ Mrs. Bruce was a wonderful teacher and mentor. She will be missed! My prayers are with her family and friends during this loss.##imported-begin##Kelly Ravan Taylor##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 10:55 PM



“ Ms. Bruce was one of most beloved teachers. She taught me the necessity of high expectations, an appreciation for art and music, and a love of poetry.

One of my most fond memories of her occurred when her home was on a Christmas tour. She politely asked her guests may she be excused while she located a cow that had escaped the pasture. Never have I seen a woman hunt down a cow with such grace. She was like no other and will certainly be missed!##imported-begin##Stacey Murray##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 10:53 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Norma!! She was a friend, and we shall always hold precious the years we spent together at Mabry Junior High.

Norma was a true lady, and she respected her students and colleagues as they respected her. We shall always remember the memory passages and the beautiful voice with which she "treated" her students near the end of each school year.

Unfortunately, we are out of town until next week, but please be assured of our prayers during your time of grief.

Sincerely,

The Whites##imported-begin##David and Joyce white##imported-end##

March 14, 2012 at 10:06 PM



“ Mrs. Bruce was a true Southern lady. She and other teachers like her are the reason I'm in a classroom today. I still remember the poems we learned with her. She started me on a lifelong love of Frost. Although I have not seen her in a while I will still miss her.

The Road Not Taken

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I marked the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.##imported-begin##David
Whitaker - Mabry Class of 81##imported-end##*

March 14, 2012 at 09:32 PM



“ Ann, Our thoughts and prayers are with you over the loss of Norma. She was a sweet lady and you were the best sister she could have ever had. We love you !!
Joan Frady

March 14, 2012 at 08:30 PM



“ Ms. Bruce was such a wonderful teacher and inspired so many of us. She had such a positive influence on me and I will always remember her. She was certainly a special lady and a wonderful mentor.
Charlotte Searcy Marquess

March 14, 2012 at 07:01 PM



“ Dear Ann and Sarah,
I'm so sorry about the death of Norma. I remember the good times from Margaret and Nancy's childhood with her. I remember playing with a little yellow chicken at the home place when I was small and much we loved visiting with your family. All of you were so talented..Norma will truly be missed by all that know her. My deepest sympathy with love,
Frances Fleming King
Edmond, Oklahoma
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March 14, 2012 at 06:07 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Norma's family and loved ones. Even though she is now free from suffering, she leaves a void in the lives of those who loved her and whom she loved. A true Southern Gentlewoman - - she will be missed.##imported-begin##June Lennon##imported-end##*

March 14, 2012 at 04:45 PM