



Frances Eppes Devereux

April 2, 1918 - November 26, 2011

November 28, 2011

Frances Louise Eppes Devereux, 93 years of age and formerly of both Widener and Forrest City, Arkansas, passed away November 26, 2011, at Willowbend Nursing Home in Marion, Arkansas.

Mrs. Devereux was born April 2, 1918, in Forrest City, the elder of twin daughters born to Robert E. Eppes and Nellie Bly Delano Eppes, and was a life long resident of St. Francis County. She graduated as valedictorian from Forrest City High School, graduated from Hendrix College and did post graduate work at both the University of Wisconsin and University of Colorado. Her chosen interest was children, particularly early childhood development. She taught school in the Newcastle Community and worked at the First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas prior to her marriage to Arthur Louie Devereux, now deceased. She was his loving wife for sixty-five years. She was retired from Arkansas Social Services where she licensed day care centers for the state.

Though raised in the First Christian Church in Forrest City, she was a tireless and dedicated member of the Round Pond Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school children and vacation Bible school for many years. She provided floral arrangements for the sanctuary every Sunday and she, along

with Mr. Devereux, sponsored the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She most recently attended the First United Methodist Church in Forrest City. She was a member of the Town and County Garden Club of Hughes, Arkansas, and served in many capacities including President. She much enjoyed teaching the junior members to arrange flowers, and was known through out the state for her expertise with dried floral materials, the subject of her many talks and demonstrations. She was awarded the 'Circle of Roses' following fifty years of membership in the garden club. She was a founding member of the P.E.O. Chapter in Forrest City, an organization she truly loved. It is worth noting that she made career as President of the Madison Parent Teacher Association. She, along with her husband, guided children of every age on annual horseback trail rides and was active in horse organizations.

She is survived by one brother, Robert 'Bob' Eppes of Naples, Florida, two daughters; Amie Katherine Devereux, and husband, Lloyd S. 'Buddy' Barnett, of Widener, and Fran Devereux Smith of Ft. Worth, Texas, one son, Arthur Louie Devereux Jr. of Cherry Valley, grandchildren, Leslie Gordon, and husband, Tom, and sons, Will and Luke, of Fayetteville, Allen Devereux, and wife, Dana, and daughters; Isabella and Sophia, of Jonesboro, Nick Devereux, and wife, Emily, and sons; Stephen and John Thomas, also of Jonesboro, Shelley Hand, and husband, Justin, and son, Noah, of Memphis, Beau Barnett, and wife, Kara, and daughters; Jacquelyn and Morgan, of Arlington, Virginia, and Amy Millner, and husband Matt, of Heber Springs, Arkansas, and daughter, Caroline Butler, currently of her grandparent's household in Widener. She also leaves a host of beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Geneva Howerton, of Clinton, Arkansas.

Services for Mrs. Devereux will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Forrest City, 11:00 A.M. Saturday, December 3, 2011 with burial in Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday evening, December 2, 2011, at the First

United Methodist Church, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M., with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the on line registry. In lieu of flowers memorials are to be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O.Box 66, Forrest City, Arkansas 72336-0066.

Tribute Wall

GT

“ Dear Amy, Fran and Louie and to your families,

Eddie and I are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Devereux was such a wonderful person. We have such great memories of your mom and visiting in your home growing up. She was so smart and so creative. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Gigi Twist - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

JD

“ I send love to my Arkansas family. The last time I saw Aunt Frances was when she came to my wedding in 1984. I'm in frequent touch with my dad, Bob Eppes, Frances' brother. Sorry I can't get down there to be with you all and share reminiscences from my "quick mind." Thinking of Aunt Frances brings a flood of great memories from the old days on the plantation. Love you!!

Jackie (Eppes) Davis - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

NE

“ Dear Amie, Buddy, Fran, Louie, and your families,

I have nothing but fond memories of Aunt Frances. She was very special. I'm so sorry for your loss.

*Love and heartfelt condolences,
Nina*

Nina Eppes - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MW

“ *Frances and I met when she came to license my kindergarten. She was a sweet, patient lady who was very helpful. My thoughts and prayers are extended to the family.*

Mary Lou Wilkinson - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

GS

“ *Dear Amie, Fran, Louie, and your families,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Aunt Frances and our visits to Widener. She was an exceptional woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Geneva ni Seobhan - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

JG

“ *My condolences to Amie, Fran and Louie.*

John Mark Gatling - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

ME

“ *Amie, Fran and Louie,*

I was so sorry to hear about your mother. How much fun did we all have in the country! Lots of fond memories of your family. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Margaret

Margaret Eldridge - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

DW

“ *Louie,
I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. I didn't know her very well,
but when I was around her, she was always a gracious lady.
Please relay my sympathies to your family.
I'm sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral as I'm working in
Gulfport MS.
Danny*

Danny Williamson - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

JH

“ *Fran,

I'm so sorry to hear the passing of your mother. I pray for you and
your family.

Joe*

Joe Harris - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

JH

“ *We wish to extend our condolences and let you know you are all in
our thoughts and prayers. Aunt Frances was a wonderful woman and
will be greatly missed.*

Jimmy and Lisa Henderson - December 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM