



## Opal Stewart

June 19, 1916 - June 15, 2013

June 17, 2013

Mrs. Opal Calvert Stewart, age 96, of Forrest City, died Saturday, June 15, 2013, at the Arkansas Heart Hospital in Little Rock.

Mrs. Stewart was born June 19, 1916, in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. She moved to Forrest City in 1945, when she married the love of her life, the late Neuman Stewart. She taught eighth grade English in Forrest City Public Schools for twenty-eight years. Her love of teaching and of her students was evident to those who were fortunate enough to have been guided by Mrs. Stewart.

She had many friends from all walks of life and was blessed by their love and support through the years. She found special joy in spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved gardening and always enjoyed sharing the bounty of flowers and produce with friends.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Neuman Stewart, by her parents, Finas Calvert and Rosa McNeely Calvert, and three siblings. She is survived by her daughters, Rita Stewart of Little Rock, and Judy Stewart Lyle and her husband Ray. She is also survived by her grandchildren; Ashley Littman (Mike), Susan Smith (Deron), and Elizabeth Fowler (Jason), and by

five great-grandchildren, Maddie Littman, Jack Littman, Zach Smith, Darby Smith, and Elin Fowler. Her family was the most important thing to her and she was thankful for the gift of love that they shared each day.

Her family would like to thank friends who were such a support during her illness. They are especially grateful, to her loving caregiver and friend, Polly Simmons, and to Dr. C.D. Williams and Lori Holden.

Services for Mrs. Stewart will be held Graveside, 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at the Forrest Park Cemetery in Forrest City. Visitation will be Tuesday evening, 5:00 till 7:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on line registry. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 66, Forrest City, Arkansas 72336, the scholarship fund of Delta Kappa Gamma, %Jimma Darnell, 619 Virginia Circle, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335, or your preferred charity.

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Opal was one of the most delightful people I have ever known. She was a joy to be around.  
God Bless Her*

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**Robert Tanner** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

EG

“ *My Condolences to the family of Mrs. Stewart. She was my 8th grade English teacher and was such a loving and caring teacher and person. She will be truly missed and my prayers go out for the entire family. Peace & Love always!!!*

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**Evangelist Michael Gray** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

WC

“ *Miss Opal was not only a wonderful teacher, but a wonderful person. She influenced the lives of so many of us students. She truly cared about us and wanted us to be the best we could possibly be. I graduated from FCHS in 1960 and still have fond memories of her.*

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**Walter Cox** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

AJ

“ *Sorry to hear about the passing of your mom, Opal, she was a very special person to my family and it was a blessing to have known her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. (My mother was Nellie Pugh Todd.)*

*- Alyene Todd Jones and family*

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**Alyene Todd Jones** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

PF

“ Rita,  
*I am so sorry about your Mom; you are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
Patti

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**Patti Frazier** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

RH

“ None of us can ever forget memorizing poems for her, "the  
*Daffodils*" by William Wordsworth. Think of her every year as these  
bloom on Wye mountain, off highway 10! FCHS had some of the  
most inspiring teachers! Thanks for sharing her!

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**Regina Gay Hill** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM