



Lillian Blackwell

May 2, 2015

Lillian Palmer Blackwell, age 97 of Bowling Green passed away on May 2nd 2015 at the Moore Pike Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with Danny Peters and Rev. John Birkhead officiating. Burial will be in the Antioch Cemetery near Bowling Green. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Lillian was born February 4, 1918 in New Hartford to Henry H. and Amy Wilhoit Palmer. She married James B. Blackwell June 1, 1941 in Bowling Green by Pastor Owen Baxter of Second Baptist Church. Her husband J. B. preceded her in death May 24, 1974. Also preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers Joseph W. Palmer and Henry H. Palmer Jr.; sister-in-law Mary Lou Williamson Palmer.

Survivors include her son James Palmer Blackwell of Bowling Green; Grandchildren James Martin Blackwell of Peoria, IL, Amy Dee Blackwell Berg (Mark), of Peoria, IL, Amanda Blackwell Seeley (Roger) of Elsberry. Joshua Paul Blackwell of Columbia; great grandchildren Terra Blackwell, Ryan and Dylan Berg of Peoria, IL and Abby Jenkins and Amelia Seeley of Elsberry. Also surviving are three nieces Diana Palmer Rinchiuso (Angelo), Dena Palmer Aaron (Norman), Darch Palmer Holford (Bill); one nephew Dale

Palmer (Jackie); several cousins; one close friend Janece Hickman Peabody and family.

Lillian enjoyed knitting baby blankets, scarfs, tams and afghans. She volunteered at the Hope Center in Bowling Green for many years and was a lifetime member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association as well as the local Pike County Retired School Personnel. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church for many years, teaching Sunday School and servings as treasurer for several years. At the time of her death, she was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

She graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1936 and while in High School , she played Basketball. In November 1935, the Bowling Green Girls Team were The Northeast Missouri Champions and she was on the all- star team as the center.

Lillian graduated from Hannibal La Grange College in 1938 and started teaching in the Mt. Zion one-room school house. She later graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She taught for a total of 35 years and retired in May 1978.

Lillian enjoyed children, traveling, her Church work and her knitting.

Memorials may be made to the Bowling Green Alumni Scholarship Fund or The Chester Nunn.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bennie Teasley, George Copenhaver, Dale Palmer, Robert Graver, Willard Wamsley and Angelo Rinchiuso.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lillian was a very special lady and loved by all. She was blessed with a long life and will be missed by all. Our condolences to Jim and family!*

Bob and Carol Kumbera - June 23, 2015 at 12:11 PM

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“ *I graduated from Boncel elementary school. She was a blessing to my nieces and nephew's who attended Boncl...She even flew to Boston with us to attend my nieces's wedding..she was a Treasure to all who knew her!!!! Never to be forgot !!*

Shirley Robbins Parham - June 23, 2015 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Mrs. Blackwell made a lasting impact on her students. I was lucky enough to have her for a first and second grade teacher and she was the principal through at least my fourth grade year. When I last visited her at Moore Pike, she still remembered me. She will be missed by many.*

Carletta Moore Sutton - June 23, 2015 at 12:10 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Miss Lillian's passing. She was a very special person.*

Patty Tophinke - June 23, 2015 at 12:10 PM

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“ *Jim, Lillian was a very special person to so many people. We were so thankful she was Mom's room-mate at MoorePike. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.*

Ben and Hettie Hall - June 23, 2015 at 12:10 PM