



Mrs. Noleta Williams McNeal

June 8, 1930 - September 11, 2012

Noleta W. McNeal, 82, of Asheville died Tuesday, September 11, 2012. A native of Elizabethton, TN, she was daughter of Alfred and Myrtle Gregg Williams. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death in 2010 by her husband of 57 years, Bruce McNeal and her brothers, Glen, Crayton, and James Williams.

A graduate of East Tennessee State University, Mrs. McNeal taught Biology at Lee H. Edwards/Asheville High School for over 40 years. She was an active member of First Christian Church of Asheville where she served as a Deacon, Elder, and member of the choir.

She is survived by her sons, James McNeal and wife, Robyn of Asheville and John McNeal and wife Stevie of Chapel Hill; daughter Jennifer McHarg and husband Michael of Wilson; sister Jessie Burroughs of Danville, VA; ten grandchildren, Rachel, Daniel, Stephen, Paige, Abby, Maddie, Chloe, Gabby, Duncan, and Dawson Claire, and great-grandchildren, Lia and Liam.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, September 15, 2012 in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. Dr. Tom Everton will officiate. Interment will follow at Lewis Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Friday at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
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info@morrisfamilycare.com
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Noleta Williams McNeal*



Morris Funeral Home - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Noleta Williams McNeal*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

A'

“ In 1953-54 I took 10th grade biology from a humorless old battleaxe who had been teaching biology for probably 40 years. She explained that 1/3 of our final grade would be based on the notebook that we would keep during the year. Being something of a smartass (REALLY??!!) -- I immediately asked, "Why?" She replied, "To help you learn." I told her I needed no such help, that I intended to be a physician and that I had been reading independently in biology (and medicine) for a couple of years and was confident that I was well ahead of the curve and needed no childish notebook. "Nevertheless," she scowled, "Everyone WILL keep a notebook."

I did not keep a notebook. However, at the end of the year my weighted average in biology -- weekly quiz, homework, six-week tests, final exam -- was something like 98.7. I flunked 10th-grade biology, thus learning a lesson that has served me well all my life: She may not always be right, but she DOES have the gradebook.

The following year, I repeated 10th grade biology and wound up in Mrs. McNeal's classroom. On Day One, she took me aside and said: "Andy, I know what happened last year with Mrs. Battleaxe. As far as I'm concerned, your grade for this year is A+. Now, how would you like to spend your time in biology class all year?"

I spent the year joyously dissecting every critter she could find to order -- and acting as a sort of teaching assistant

Now THAT is a real teacher! Rest well, Mrs. McNeal. You've earned it and the world is a little poorer with you gone ...

Andy Watson

Andy Watson, LEHS '56 - September 22, 2012 at 09:23 PM

DJ

“ Jim, John and Jennifer, Our condolences to you during this sad time in the loss of your mother. She and your father were excellent teachers and were highly respected in the community. They were both special friends of ours during our "Lee Edwards" days and later in our lives and we have many treasured memories of good times with them. Their deaths are a true loss to the whole community as well as to you.

Don and Gladys Jones

Don and Gladys Jones - September 19, 2012 at 09:10 AM

KD

“ Jennifer, I have so many fond memories of both your parents from our childhood. Your mom was an impressive and remarkable woman, and my thoughts are with you and the whole family.

Kim Donehower, Grand Forks, ND

Kim Donehower - September 18, 2012 at 11:37 AM

AJ

“ Jim, John and Jennifer: your mother and father were always there for the youth of First Christian Church when I was growing up. They were wonderful role models and were always smiling. I am so grateful for their service and influence on my life, and give thanks to God for them. Each of you will continue to be in my prayers as you find ways to celebrate your mother's well-lived life. Fondly, Anna Jarvis

Anna R. Jarvis - September 16, 2012 at 05:19 PM

AM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We know you will miss her. May you feel God's Peace and comfort. BLESSINGS!
Tommy & Anne Manning <><

Anne Manning - September 15, 2012 at 10:50 PM

MC

“ Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mom touched so many lives in such special ways. When I first came to AHS, as teacher, she took me under her wings, guided me and made my teaching career so much better.

Margaret Crum

Margaret Crum - September 15, 2012 at 04:42 PM



“ She will always be a celebration of life! She influenced so many lives and made so many people better for having lived. Mrs. McNeal, I miss you. I thank you for being a constant in my life during my time at Lee H. Edwards. She may be the only person that could make me look at a frog and not run away! Thank you for teaching me.

Betty Parker - September 15, 2012 at 02:52 PM

DK

“ Jim and Robyn, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dave Keyes - September 15, 2012 at 04:36 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *McNeal Family Album*



Morris Funeral Home - September 14, 2012 at 04:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Noleta Williams McNeal*.



September 14, 2012 at 01:40 PM



“ *Jimmie L. Davis* lit a candle in memory of *Mrs. Noleta Williams McNeal*



Jimmie L. Davis - September 14, 2012 at 01:12 PM

AS

“ Dear Jennifer,
I am so sorry for you loss. Your mother is part of my fondest memories of living in the Asheville area. Much love to you and your family.

Allison Gentry Szuba

Allison Gentry Szuba - September 14, 2012 at 12:25 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Noleta. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have such wonderful memories about all of you.

Mack & Jeanne

Jeanne Bowman - September 14, 2012 at 05:15 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mrs. Noleta Williams McNeal.



September 13, 2012 at 04:08 PM

PJ

“ This message is for Jennifer McHarg
Jennifer, may God's presence, peace and strength be mightily felt by you and your family. You are in my prayers. Grace and peace,
Pastor Dan Jones
First United Methodist Church
Wilson, NC

Pastor Dan Jones - September 13, 2012 at 04:06 PM

YF

“ *Your Chesson Agency Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Noleta Williams McNeal.*



Your Chesson Agency Family - September 13, 2012 at 10:44 AM