



Marie Hodge Hendrix

August 28, 1927 - December 29, 2019

Graveside service for Marie Hodge Hendrix, 92, of Piedmont will be Wednesday, January 01, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Highland Cemetery in Piedmont with the Rev. Michael Ingram and the Rev. Daniel Barkley officiating. Mrs. Hendrix passed away Sunday, December 29, 2019 at her home. Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends, Doris Kirkpatrick and Martha Garmon. Pallbearers will be Greg Lyles, Mike Kirby, Cason Kirby, Brock Kirby, Harold Tolbert, Randy Harper, Paul Harper, and Sparks Harper. Honorary Pallbearer will be Marty Spears. Mrs. Hendrix was born in Etowah County and had been a resident of Piedmont most of her life. She was a graduate of Emma Sansom High School and Jacksonville State University. Mrs. Hendrix was an Educator for 40 years. The first 20 years of her career were in the classroom and for the remaining 20 years she was employed by the Alabama Department of Education. She was a member and held many leadership roles in Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society. Mrs. Hendrix was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Piedmont and enjoyed traveling. She was preceded in death by her husband, George P. Hendrix, Jr.; parents, Thomas and Mamie Hodge; brothers, Wayne Hodge, Henry Hodge, and Eddie Hodge; and sisters, Clara Anderson, Flora Carrington, and Gladys Phillips. The family would like to extend a special thank you to her nurses, Bayley Wilson and Mollie Dail. Thompson Funeral Home in Piedmont is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Piedmont, AL 36272

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“ We first knew Mrs. Hendrix as our teacher in high school. When we entered her classroom on the very first day of class, several of us were acting like we were going to a circus rather than to a classroom to learn. She was standing beside her desk looking over the class and didn't say a word until everyone became quiet. Then she shared that she was there to teach us, and she wanted us to learn. Our behavior should reflect that attitude. From that day forward we entered her classroom with an attitude of anticipation. We knew that every day she would have things to share that would help us advance academically. But even more importantly we quickly learned that she would teach us many other things to help us in life. She taught us things daily to help us become better students, better people, and better citizens. She taught us the importance of doing our best in whatever we attempted.

Mrs. Hendricks had a wonderful ability to make it interesting to learn. As she taught us about government, civics and history she brought the subjects and events to life. When she described a battle that took place during the revolutionary war, we felt like we were right there in the midst of the battle. We could almost hear the gunshots, see the bright red coats of the British soldiers, and even smell the gunpowder.

Because she was such an inspirational teacher, she encouraged her students to become better people and they were motivated to do their very best. Mrs. Hendrix had a very positive impact on the lives of hundreds or even thousands of young people. We are indebted to her as a teacher and simply as one who really cared about others.

After we finished school and graduated from college, we moved away from the Piedmont area for several years. We didn't have much contact with Mrs. Hendricks during those years but later in life we reestablished a relationship with her through our church. Through some of our church visitation programs we began to see Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix and got to know them on a personal level. We

soon realized that they were delightful people and a joy to be around. We finally became comfortable with calling them "Mr. George" and "Mrs. Marie". They always made us feel welcome in their home. It never failed to amaze us that every time we visited it seemed that they were dressed to go to a formal event.

Mr. George and Ms. Marie were inseparable, and they loved being together. The visits were always fun, and we enjoyed hearing of the things they had experienced throughout their lifetimes. We always had prayer with them at the conclusion of our visits. They both had a strong faith in Christ and assurance that they would spend eternity in heaven.

Mrs. Marie was a beautiful person inside and out right up until the time of her death. We consider it a wonderful privilege and blessing to have known her and been able to spend time with her. She is one of those people that made life better for all of those around her and we are so grateful that she was our friend.

Randy and Cissy Harper

Randy and Cissy Harper - January 01, 2020 at 07:51 PM

KE

“*Mrs. Hendrix was a true Southern Belle who influenced so many students, I know because I am one! Enjoy Heaven, you wonderful woman!!*

Karen Estes - January 01, 2020 at 11:50 AM

MG

“ Margaret Gilmer lit a candle in memory of Marie Hodge Hendrix



Margaret Gilmer - January 01, 2020 at 11:17 AM

DR

“ My heart aches at the loss of my close friend and mentor, Marie Hendrix. She was truly a genteel, Southern lady. This educator has been known to be strip searched by the KGB when she was accused of stealing her hotel room key (her key was fastened to a large iron ball and chain). She climbed over chairs to get to a state politician to point out the "error of his ways." Marie represented Alabama educators at Cape Canaveral to cheer on the first teacher in Space, but watched in horror as the Challenger exploded in the sky above them. She taught high school at Piedmont High School and "my Eddie" was one of her pupils.

There are so many other stories I could share about Marie Hendrix...a 5 ft. tall, 100 lb. DYNAMO! She will be greatly missed here, but is rejoicing in being reunited with her beloved husband, George Hendrix.

I told Marie, upon her retirement from Jacksonville City Schools (where I was her secretary)...Au Revoir...goodbye until we meet again.

Debby Jones Rosser - December 31, 2019 at 07:11 PM

MH

“ Mrs. Hendrix was our wonderful high school American History teacher (1956-58). She was very smart, kept perfect order, and had high expectations of us. She was a classy lady, greatly admired. Our sincerest condolences are extended to her loved ones.
Malissa & Larry Haslam, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Malissa Haslam - December 31, 2019 at 01:47 PM

JW

“ Mrs. Marie Hendrix was a blessing to all who knew and loved her. Many of us were fortunate to have her as a history/government teacher. Her knowledge of the subject matter was only part of her many talents. Mrs. Hendrix treated each of us as if we were special and inspired us to do our best. She had high expectations and encouraged us to meet those expectations. I've never heard anyone utter a negative word about this amazing lady. Her influence and example led many of us to become educators. My memories and appreciation of her I hold dear.

Jim Wilson - December 31, 2019 at 10:28 AM

BD

“ Betty Dame lit a candle in memory of Marie Hodge Hendrix



Betty Dame - December 31, 2019 at 10:24 AM

KW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and close friends of Mrs. Hendrix. She will always be remembered for her brilliance, sense of style, genteel character, warmth and kindness. May she rest in peace.*

Kathy Snead Waldrop - December 30, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *Renee Morgan lit a candle in memory of Marie Hodge Hendrix*



Renee Morgan - December 30, 2019 at 06:05 PM