



## Marian Ivean Duke

November 27, 1929 - November 11, 2022

Marian Ivean Duke, known to many as “Dee Dee”, passed away on November 11, 2022 at Decatur County Rehabilitation surrounded by family. She was 92 years, 11 months and 15 days old. Mrs. Duke was born in Shelby County to the late Rudgil and Mary Smith. She was one of six children all of which were girls and has since been preceded in death by all but one sister. Mrs. Duke attended Memphis State University with a degree in education and retired in 1985 from Lexington High School. She loved speaking of and seeing all of her “former students” and would usually recognize them as such. Along with her parents, Mrs. Duke was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Otis Duke; and 4 sisters, Ardel Jolly, Yolanda Mae Delashmit, Noma Jean Wilson and Cleo Richards. She is survived by a son, Richard Duke (Sandra); a daughter, Sheila Maxwell (Jackie); 5 grandchildren, Micki Maxwell (Jon), Holly Silcock (Seth), John Maxwell (Angela), Laura Duke and Nathan Duke (Kristen); 8 Great –Grandchildren, Tad Ward (Brittini), Lacy Lanier (Ryan), Tyler Maxwell, Hayden Maxwell, Austyn Silcock, Smith Silcock, Henry Duke and Adeline Duke; 4 Great-Great Grandchildren, Hudson Ward, Harrison Ward, Ace Lanier and Mercer Lanier. She is also survived by one sister, Dorothy Pitts. Funeral services for Mrs. Duke will be Sunday at 2:00 at Reed’s Chapel in Lexington with burial in the Mt. Ararat Cemetery. Visitation with the Duke family will be on Saturday from 4-8 and Sunday from 10 until time of service at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, family requests Donations be made to the Corinth Baptist Church Building Fund or the Mt. Ararat Cemetery Fund.



# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I have such lovely memories of Mrs. Duke, from high school years when her 'no-nonsense' classroom atmosphere brought us straight to the heart of our subject..... and as friends these many years afterwards, remembering her guidance and kindness. Always with a positive outlook and a smile for everyone, she gave us, as students, an important example of heartfelt professionalism. To all who love her, may your dear memories bring you comfort and peace.  
Sincerely, Dian Helms Brown

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Dian Helms Brown - November 13, 2022 at 04:11 PM

DF

“ Aunt Ivean was quite the cook! I haven't forgotten her tasty Thanksgiving dressing that she would bring to Mama Duke's for Thanksgiving dinner. I miss those days. Praying for comfort for Sheila, Rick and all the family.

Diane Ferguson

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Diane Ferguson - November 13, 2022 at 01:48 PM

JR

“ J.dwayne Reeves lit a candle in memory of Marian Ivean Duke



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j.dwayne reeves - November 12, 2022 at 09:11 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Marian Ivean Duke



Rhonda Sanders - November 12, 2022 at 01:36 PM

CH

“ I have wonderful memories of Ms. Duke as a history teacher at Lexington High School. It seemed that she always had a smile on her face. Prayers for all the family of this good lady.

Cheryl Hughes - November 12, 2022 at 11:47 AM

PW

“ Peggy Wentworth lit a candle in memory of Marian Ivean Duke



Peggy Wentworth - November 12, 2022 at 10:06 AM

TH

“ American History class was great at LHS Class of 1973. Ivean (Mrs Duke) ran a very interactive class. Rarely a dull moment in 4th period. Always loved seeing her and Otis at the Duke reunions also. The world is less happy now without her.

Teresa Duke Holimon - November 12, 2022 at 08:22 AM

JS

“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Marian Ivean Duke*



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**Jerry Stegall** - November 12, 2022 at 12:29 AM

PV

“ *Such a special lady.*



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**Pat VanCleave** - November 11, 2022 at 09:51 PM