



Bolton Lunceford

November 25, 1921 - January 11, 2009

Washington, Georgia: Bolton Newland Lunceford of Washington (widow of A. Mell Lunceford, Jr., of Crawfordville), born November 25, 1921 died peacefully after a long illness Sunday, January 11, 2009. She was born in Kwangju, Korea, daughter of Presbyterian missionaries LeRoy Tate and Sarah Louise Andrews Newland. She came to America to attend college (Agnes Scott, Peace Junior College, The University of North Carolina Women's College); she completed her undergraduate degree at Georgia State University and her master's degree at the University of Georgia.

Throughout her long career, she was a businesswoman and teacher in Colorado, Oklahoma, Atlanta, Saudi Arabia, Crawfordville and Washington. She received many honors, especially for her teaching; she was runner up for Georgia Teacher of the Year and named the first recipient of the Sarah Louise Capen award by the Georgia Council of Teachers of English. She established the first adult education program in Taliaferro County, taught an extension course for Truett-McConnell College, and, under the auspices of the University of Georgia, created the first English as a Second Language program for adults in Wilkes County.

Throughout her life, Bolton was active in her community, both in Atlanta and in Crawfordville/Washington. She created the Crawfordville Labor Day Fair and the Christmas Dinner in the Park in Crawfordville, both of which are still celebrated today. She and Mell were among the pioneers who established the Wilkes County Little Theater; this year the theater was renamed the Bolton Lunceford Playhouse in her honor. She has been a long time active member of the Church of the Mediator in Washington.

Married to Paul F. Clark and George Keyser, both deceased, she is survived by a daughter, Dale Clark Farran and husband Christopher of Nashville, TN, a son, Robert Cottle of the home, two grandchildren, Alice Zillah and husband, Bryce Brown of Olympia Washington, Brendan Carroll Farran and wife Nicole of Nashville, TN, and two great grandsons, Jon and David Brown. In addition, she is survived by two sisters, Maie Minnick of Black Mountain, NC, and Keith McDaniel of Brookhaven, MS.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wilkes County Little Theater Company, P.O. Box 803, Washington, Ga. 30673, or to the Church of the Mediator, P.O. Box 716, Washington, Ga. 30673.

A memorial service to honor her life and the many lives she touched will be held at the Church of the Mediator, Washington, Ga. on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 11:00am. A visitation with the opportunity to share personal memories will follow in the Parish House at the Church.

Comments



“ Ms. Lunceford changed the way I saw the world. I only wish I could've let her know.

JB - July 25, 2013 at 10:20 AM



“ As I reflect on the service last week, I realized that Aunt Bolton was memorialized just as she lived - caring for others and really giving unconditional love. She touched so many lives in an impressionable way. I love you Aunt Bolton. Thank you for touching my life!

Molly Minnick - January 31, 2009 at 04:40 PM



“ Bolton has been an ageless fixture of our lives. We met her in Saudi Arabia and have been close friends for 42 years. We shared many odd and exciting experiences together, which always made for reminiscence and laughter when we met. We also shared much sorrow, the deaths of her parents, her husband, my parents, my son, her siblings. It was possible to see Bolton after a long absence and immediately fall into deep conversation, no small talk necessary. We will so miss her presence in the world, knowing that she walked gracefully on this earth, and that her rich laughter echoed somewhere.

Mary Jo and Roger Sage - January 22, 2009 at 01:38 PM



“ Memories are a Legacy of Love!

Washington, Ga - January 17, 2009 at 04:34 AM



“ Aunt Bolton was a very talented, beautiful and loving lady. She will be deeply missed by all of us. Rest in peace Aunt Bolton.

Kim Minnick - January 14, 2009 at 02:38 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gunter and Anna Claire

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gunter and Anna Claire - January 13, 2009 at 11:30 AM



“ Bolton, you and Mell were the most influential people in my life other than my parents. You were larger than life and I would love to hear your laugh in the school hall at W.W.C.H.S. You will be missed. GOD BLESS YOU!

mike lunceford - January 12, 2009 at 07:43 PM



“ Mrs.Lunceford was a wonderful teacher and she will be greatly missed

Patricia Dobbs - January 12, 2009 at 04:27 PM



“ I met Mrs. Lunceford when she was my teacher in high school in Warren County. She definitely made quite an impression on her students - she was always larger than life and I will never forget her laughter and love of life that she shared with everyone who knew her. She was a shining star to all of us. There will never be another person like her and she will live on forever in the memory of every person she touched.

Sandy Langham Yelton - January 12, 2009 at 04:22 PM



“ To Bolton,

I couldn't find the words to say how I feel about Bolton passing. So here is what I suspect Bolton would say to us. God bless her! --Gail

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die!

- Mary Frye

Gail Duggan - January 12, 2009 at 03:42 PM



“ I will miss my mentor.

Libby Foster - January 12, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ What a lady!
She was truly one of our favorite people. She cared. She loved unconditionally. She shared her talents. She made us all laugh - and cry.
She will now be one of our favorite memories.

Joy & Ted Minnick - January 12, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ Aunt Bolton was an amazing woman. She had talents beyond belief and an unconditional love for everyone. I am proud to be a member of her family. You all are in my thought and prayers. She will be dearly missed.

Sarah Minnick - January 12, 2009 at 10:16 AM