



Fern Doublin

September 22, 1934 - March 18, 2014

Fern Doublin, age 79, of Covington, Louisiana and formerly of Sunrise Beach, St. Louis and Puxico, Missouri was called up to do the Lord's work the evening of March 18, 2014.

Fern was born on September 22, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri to Elbert and Zelma (Goforth) Howard, both preceding her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Elbert (Jr.) Howard and Walter Howard.

She graduated from Puxico High School in 1951. Between attending Harding College and Southeast Missouri State College she earned her teaching certificate and first taught at Rock Well School #1 for the 1953-1954 school year – being very proud of the fact that one of her pupils – Linda Hodge – ultimately became a much loved sister-in-law.

On August 15, 1953, she was united in marriage to Willie "Lee" Doublin, her one and only for 59 years. They were married at the Puxico Homecoming, and celebrated every anniversary but one sharing a goat burger on Main Street. Lee preceded her in death in 2013.

While raising a family Fern went on to complete a B.S. in Social Studies from the first graduating class of the University of Missouri at St. Louis and a Masters in Communication from Webster University. Fern spent 25 years between teaching and administration with Ritenour School District. The world has been left a better place because she was important in the lives of many

during her career in education.

After retiring she and Lee became permanent residents of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, fully enjoying their lakefront home on Lake of the Ozarks. Not being one to fully embrace retirement, Fern went on to work for Lake of the Ozarks Employment Services, shifting to adult education. She was an avid collector of readers, each reflecting her love of reading. She and Lee were also faithful members of the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church and the Millstone Wheelers Square and Round Dance Club.

She is survived by daughter, Beth (Jay) Reutter of Champaign, Illinois; son, Steve (Diane) Doublin of Covington, Louisiana; grandchildren, Jamie (Dan) Otts, Laine (Jonathan) Perry, Clint Vallotton and Katherine Reutter; and great-grandchildren, Corbin, Lucas, Forest and Andrew. Fern is also survived by one brother -in-law, Gary “Jack” Doublin and sister-in-law Barbara Howard Smith, both of Puxico, Missouri; as well as a close knit family of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Fern’s life will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, April 26 at Puxico United Methodist Church in Puxico, Missouri with Pastor Dennis Doublin officiating. Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund (P.O. Box 1096 – Laurie, MO 65038) or to the Share the Harvest Food Pantry (689 N. State Hwy 7 – Camdenton, MO 65020). If flowers are preferred, please support the flower shop of Fern’s niece – Kim Howard Smith - Country Road Creations Floral and Gift Shop, Puxico, Missouri (573-222-3555).

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Puxico United Methodist Church
301 East Richardson Avenue
Puxico, MO 63960

Tribute Wall



“ June 16, 2014...just became aware of Fern's passing. She and my brother went to the same school in Puxico, MO and she was the daughter of my step-mother, Zalma Williams. My thoughts are with the family. June Hall

June Hall - June 15, 2014 at 04:10 PM



“ Fern always kept me in her thoughts even though I never met her. I am Craig Williams son of Saville Williams. I was not aware that she passed. My thoughts are her family and all that loved her.

Craig Williams - June 15, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ It was a great pleasure and honor to know Fern and (Lee) thru square dancing a mutual enjoyment. She was so proud of her family; we talked about her Katherine the skater whose events I followed on the internet.
Please accept my sincere sympathy on your loss of this wonderful member of your family. Margaret Sachse
P.S. I lost my dancing partner, Bob, in Dec.2012. My children (4 daughters & a son) are wonderful and helpful, plus good neighbors and friends.
May God Bless You!

Margaret Sachse - May 13, 2014 at 01:49 PM



“ *White Mum and Light Blue Hydrangea Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Fern Dublin.*



April 26, 2014 at 06:05 PM



“ *Fern was an amazing and wonderful person. She was a great listener and was always helpful with her advice. I loved how Fern was always so welcoming and didn't worry about whether her house was ready for guests. I can still hear her saying "Come On In" when you dropped by unexpectedly. Fern and Lee were always so generous and ready to lend a helping hand. I could go on and on with lake stories and how they helped us out. Fern was so proud of her family and I remember her choking up talking about the 50th wedding celebration and how wonderful her family was. I am so sorry that we couldn't be at the memorial, but I am glad I got to visit her in January in Covington. We have to be content that she is with Lee in a better place.*

Donna and Mark Hamilton

Donna Hamilton - April 26, 2014 at 11:55 AM



“ *I really loved and respected Fern and Lee. I miss them both. They were really an asset to our community and my life. Sunrise Beach*

Mary Jo - April 21, 2014 at 12:28 PM

JA

“ So sorry to hear about Fern. I worked with her in adult education in Camdenton for 6 1/2 years and found out what a caring and creative teacher and person she was. I enjoyed and benefited from knowing her, and my prayers are with her family.

Julie Anderson - April 13, 2014 at 09:25 PM

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“ Mrs, Doublin was my volunteer reading teacher many years ago. As a child I remembered her as a very caring woman full of joy and love for all people and things, especially learning and volunteering. Fern will be missed by many, family and friends alike. I had thought of her almost daily throughout my life she will never be forgotten.

Amanda - April 01, 2014 at 04:38 PM

JD

“ Fern Doublin was one of the most caring people and dedicated teachers I ever met in my life. I worked with her at the Missouri Career Center when she worked for Lake of the Ozarks Employment Services. She will be missed by many.



Jim Dickerson - March 27, 2014 at 11:08 AM