



Mrs. Lee D. Ketchersid

July 31, 1944 - October 19, 2012

Lee D. Ketchersid, a resident of Dayton, Tennessee, was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 31, 1944. She also lived in Barre, VT, South Hill, VA, Memphis, TN and Red Bank, TN, where she graduated from Red Bank High School in 1962.

Following graduation, she attended Tennessee Wesleyan College, graduating with a B.A. degree in English in 1967. There she met her husband, William Ketchersid of Spring City, TN and they were married on September 3, 1966 in Athens, TN at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. Lee was very active in the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church in Dayton. Several years, she served as an officer of the mission organization. She was also a member of the Administrative Council of the First United Methodist Church. She was active in the 1970's in teaching school and in the early 1990's, during the summers she operated a day care service for the church. Lee loved children, having four of her own which she loved deeply. When they were young she stayed home to help train them for later life. From 1967 – 1969, she taught English at Rhea Central High School in Dayton. When she and her husband moved to the Athens, GA area for him to pursue his PhD, she taught third grade in Madison County for one year and seventh grade in Clarke County for three years.

She returned to teaching in 1985 with one year as an English teacher at Sale Creek High School and in 1986 she taught kindergarten at Walden's Ridge Elementary School. In 1986, she transferred to Graysville Elementary School

and taught kindergarten until she was involuntarily transferred to Rhea County Middle School where she taught for 2/3 of one year.

Lee is survived by her husband, Dr. William Ketchersid of Dayton, a son William Lee Ketchersid of Destin, FL, a daughter Elizabeth Rodriguez of Dayton Mountain, another daughter Deborah Heath of Fort Stewart, GA and a son John Ketchersid of Lehigh Acres, FL. Other survivors include a sister Michelle Ann Sabine of Pleasant Hill, TN, a brother Robert of Milton, MA, a brother Peter of Athens, GA, a brother Steve of Crossville, a brother Eric of Hixson and a brother Neal of Rock Hill, SC.

Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Newton Douglas who died in 1972 and 1996 respectively. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Lee will be held Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Dayton, with Rev. Kenneth Pierce and Rev. John C. Anderson officiating. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the church before the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Dayton, Tennessee Global Mission Fund, Bryan College or the Gideon's International.

Please share your memories of Lee on her on-line guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Bill and family,
We just saw this morning that Lee passed away. I am so sorry for you to read about that. I can't imagine your feelings so all I can do is lift you to our Lord.*
Ralph Paisley

Ralph Paisley - October 29, 2012 at 11:31 AM

CR

“ *"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord" Rev. 14:13.. One of Christ's sheep, a good friend and neighbor, now is more alive than ever.* *Charles Robinson*

Charles H. Robinson - October 25, 2012 at 01:27 PM



“ *Elegant Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lee D. Ketchersid.*



October 25, 2012 at 07:53 AM



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October 25, 2012 at 07:49 AM

MW

“ *Bill and Family:*

Lee will be greatly missed by so many. Know that Sherry and I are praying for you all and that we are deeply saddened by this loss. Thank you for sharing your family with us.

Mike and Sherry Weller

Mike and Sherry Weller - October 24, 2012 at 02:37 PM



“ *You will truly be missed Mrs. Ketchersid! You were a terrific kindergarten teacher and helped to get me out of the troubles of being dropped off at school that I had. You were always so calm, patient, and caring! I pray for the comfort of the family in this difficult time!*
Regina Hicks Bracknell



Regina Bracknell - October 23, 2012 at 04:25 PM

SR

“ *Bill and family,*
You have been and will remain in my prayers. My heart breaks for you all. Safe travels and God's peace and comfort flood over you!
Stacey Allen and family!

Stacey Enriquez Rodriguez - October 23, 2012 at 01:16 PM

DP

“ Dear Bill and family,
Know that you are in our prayers. May you find out just how amazing God's grace is as He carries you through these days and moments.

Dann and Susan Brown
Pennsylvania

Daniel S. Brown, Jr., PhD - October 23, 2012 at 11:58 AM

BA

“ Bill, the world is a sadder place without Lee. I know she was a great teacher as you are now. And we know how hard she fought through her illness. Bless you all in this great loss. We are grateful for our confidence in Jesus who conquered death.

Bob Andrews - October 22, 2012 at 08:51 AM

JM

“ Bill and family, Lee was so brave and fought so hard. I am so sorry to hear of her passing and rejoicing that she is now healed and whole. Our family will be praying for you.

Jeff Myers - October 22, 2012 at 08:43 AM

HW

“ I have always remembered how sweet you was to me. You will never be forgotten, what a sweet person. This world lost a great teacher, what a sad day.



Hope Keith Willson - October 22, 2012 at 04:55 AM

AH

“ I will always remember you! You were my very first school teacher! Thank you for being an awesome kindergarten teacher!



Amanda Neal Harwood - October 21, 2012 at 09:53 PM

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CB

“ Callie Brady Belk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lee D. Ketchersid



Callie Brady Belk - October 21, 2012 at 06:55 PM

CB

you will be so missed, we love you , ty for Teaching Crissy and all the kids words though the years,,, private Joke and I know you are in heaven laughing at this, I owe you .25 cents... she was so awesome,, love you .

Callie Brady Belk - October 21, 2012 at 06:56 PM

CS

“ Mrs. Ketchersid was my Junior High English Teacher. She took a part in my education that allowed me to become a teacher...As a direct result, I was able to teach 2 of her 4 children and 1 son-in-law--I taught Beth, Debbie, and Clint. She blessed me as a teacher and as a parent. I give her honor because she imparted to many students the knowledge that education is important to becoming a good citizen. Thank-you Mrs. Ketchersid for teaching me and allowing me to teach your most precious possessions...your children. A quote by Chris Sorenson seems very appropriate for me--No one ever really dies as long as they took time to leave us with fond memories. Thank-you Mrs. Ketchersid--Thank-you.

Charlene Schwenk - October 21, 2012 at 04:46 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lee. She was a sweet woman and a wonderful, caring teacher. She was loved by many and will be missed. To Bill, Debbie and Beth and the rest of the family - I am truly sorry for your loss.

Debbie Burwick

Debbie Burwick - October 20, 2012 at 09:15 PM

EP

I fondly remember Lee from Red Bank High School. She was very intelligent and nice to be with. I also visited her at Tennessee Wesleyan and enjoyed being her friend. My condolences to all her family.

Ethel Preston - October 21, 2012 at 08:55 PM