



Jane Fullerton

October 19, 1929 - September 7, 2012

Martha Jane Fullerton, the third of five children of Donald Raif “Jerry” and Grace Jane Hargis Fullerton, was born October 19, 1929, in Polk County, Missouri. She passed away September 7 at the age of 82.

Jane lived her entire life in or near Bolivar. She attended one-room rural schools and graduated from Bolivar High School, where she was a member of the Bolivar High School Hall of Fame. She attended Southwest Baptist University and earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Southwest Missouri State University. She also earned two master’s degrees — one in administration and one in guidance and counseling — from Drury University, where she was awarded a Drury Alumni University Award for service to education. She taught in a one-room rural school for three years and at Morrisville for three years. She then taught for 40 years in the Bolivar school system, retiring in 1993.

For more than 60 years, she was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, where she was chosen 1988 MSTTA Leader of the Year. For more than 50 years, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Iota, a teacher service sorority. In her later years, she was a member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, where she served as state president of both the MRTA Association and MRTA Foundation.

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. At the time of her death, she was one of the oldest members of the Mount Gilead United Methodist Church.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert Eugene Fullerton and his wife, Marjorie Ball Fullerton, and Donald Dean Fullerton. She is survived by two sisters, Mary Ellen Fullerton, with whom she resided, and Lucinda Lee Fullerton Stewart and her husband, Glenn, of Bolivar. She also is survived by nine nieces and nephews:

- Bob's daughters, Marilyn, and her husband, Roy Albin, and their children Marcie, Kelsey and Andy of Bolivar; and Carolyn and her husband, Clint McAllister, and their son Kyle of Springfield.
- Cindy's sons, Jerry Dale Stewart, and his wife, Trudy, step-daughter Jennifer, husband John Lamosi and son, Jacob; and step-daughter Heather, all of Springfield; and Terry Glenn Stewart and his wife, Ronda, and daughters Addie and Emma, of Bolivar.
- Don's children, Jane Ellen, and her husband, Terry Lemons, and their children Benjamin and Sarah, of Bristow, Va.; Leslie and her husband, Jim Hutter, and their children Tate, Hayes, Gibbs and Tess, of Republic; Betsy and her husband, Stewart Eckols, and their sons Blace and Trey, of England, and their daughter, Alexandra, of Lubbock, Tex.; Jeffrey and his wife, Tommi Fullerton, and their children Logan, Raif, Reed and Rhett, of Bolivar; and Jennifer and her husband, Jim Ernst, and their daughter Carly, of Bedford, Ia.

Services will be held Monday, September 10, at 11 a.m. at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar with the Rev. Clint Lambeth officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation Endowment or the Mount Gilead United Methodist

Church.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jane Fullerton*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Jane Fullerton*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *JANE WAS MY TEACHER IN 6-7-8 GRADES. THIS BROUGHT BACK GOOD MEMORIES. GROWING UP, I KNEW ALL OF HER FAMILY. I AM SORRY FOR THE FAMILY'S LOSS.*

CHARLES BLACK - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary,*

I just learned of Jane's passing. I am sorry I missed the services. You and the rest of your family will be in our prayers. It doesn't seem that many years ago that I was in Jane's 7th grade class. She was a great teacher and she will be missed.

Allen

Allen Hines - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are deeply sorry for the loss of Jane. Her leadership in MSTA and MRTA were truly remarkable. I will miss her smiling face at future meetings. It was an honor to know her.*

Jim and George Ann Fisher - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy on behalf of the Polk County Democratic Party. "Ms. Jane" was a wonderful woman, educator and American. She will be greatly missed!

Will Westmoreland - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Deepest condolences to the family of Jane. She played an important role in my life as she served as my high school counselor. So much so, that I followed in her footsteps and became an educator and also extended my career into the field of counseling. What a privilege to have known her.

Brenda Fisher - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Jane Fullerton c/o BUTLER FUNERAL HOME funeral home.

September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Our prayers and most deep felt condolences to the family. Jane will be missed.

Beverly Sikes-Matthews and Joyce Barr Williams - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I attended Bolivar High School and got the pleasure of having Miss Fullerton as a counselor. She was a wonderful leader, friend, and adviser. I know she will be missed. Heaven has gained an angel. I feel blessed to have known her, and look forward to seeing her again.

Melissa Lansdown - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Jane was a wonderful lady and friend. Please let us know if we can be of any help
May God Bless and Comfort each of you
Roy, Matha, Tyler and Nathan Painter
Gayla Painter

roy and martha painter and boys - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Having attended Bolivar High School with Mary Ellen, I have many happy memories. Will send a memorial contribution to her church. Much love to all.

Doris Fullerton Ware - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Jane Fullerton

Elizabeth {Choate} Harris - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Jane was such an AMAZING lady! She will be greatly missed.

Love you Mary!

Christy Sheppeck - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We are sending our deepest condolences to the family of Jane Fullerton. We met Jane thru being members of Mt. Gilead Church several years ago. She was always willing to participate in church events and she was a great cook!! She was very dedicated to the church. We know she will be missed by many and we pray for God to give you comfort and strength during this time. God Bless! The Bennings

Randy & Peggy Benning - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. She will be missed so much.

Stacy Roberts (farmer)and family - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of a dear friend, especially Mary.

May our Lord give you strength during this time of great sorrow.

Gay Dittmore - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Please accept our
sympthaties in the loss
of Martha Jane.

Jake & Katie Francka - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ The children Jane served through her many years as an educator will be her legacy. Her love of children and her commitment to their learning will live on. She will be missed.

Peggy Tharpe - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jane's Family. She was a friendly, hard working and dedicated lady to education. I appreciate all the hard work she did for MRTA and especially serving the offices for MRTA. She will be greatly missed, but Heaven's gain. May God Bless you!

Raymond and Katy Crain - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ What a bright and shining light has gone out for all of humanity, but most specifically for education and for our great profession of teaching. Good-bye my dear and gracious, wonderful, long-time friend. Know that you will be sorely missed, but that you live on in my heart and mind as long as I draw breath. Go gently as you leave us, Jane, but go knowing that we have revered you and all of your many accomplishments on behalf of education, boys and girls, active teachers and retirees. Had you lived forever, we could never have appreciated or thanked you enough. Fondest regards, sweetest memories and peace to you and all you loved. Blessings!

Veronica Hambacker - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry to learn of Jane's death. She was one of my favorite people. She has meant so much to the Retired Teachers of Missouri and gave of her time and talent to it. She will be sadly missed by all of us at Sac Osage Retired School Employees in El Dorado Springs. We all loved her!!

Luella Phipps - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I served on the MRTA Board with Jane. After reading her Biography when she was nominated as MRTA's Distinguished Retiree, I have decided that she is still arguing with St. Peter for more time. Just reading the bio made me tired. You can rest now, Jane, your work is finished!! Well done, good and faithful servant!

Nancy Craig - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ What a wonderful lady! I am so sorry to hear of Jane's passing. She was a true inspiration to all of the students she encountered over the years. She was always so good to my Daughters when they were cheerleaders as well as a guidance in deciding their career choices and a true inspiration. Thanks Jane for all you did. Mary, you are in our thoughts and prayers!

The Claxton Family

Debby Claxton - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ My sincerest condolences.

Bruce Trammell - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Love and prayers to Mary and extended families of Jane's. She was a friend, as well as family and will be grately missed. Love, Dolly and Mary Nell

Dolly Koon - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To the family of Jane Fullerton: Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you for your sad loss. Jane was such a dedicated member of MRTA, and was a good, pleasant leader. She will certainly be missed by many!! Sincerely, Ruth Cutright and Family

Ruth Cutright - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and the rest of Jane's family. She truly was a wise woman and I will miss her greatly. She gave so much to everything she undertook. We are all better for having known her

Maggie Elder - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Jane's family!

George Robertson - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry, Jim Whitman.

James Whitman - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Mary and Jane's Family,
We had the privilege of knowing one of the kindest and most professional women ever. She was such a leader, and her dedication to education was unmatched. She always was willing to go the extra mile for any worthy cause. She will be missed. Please accept our sincerest sympathy. May her beautiful memories sustain you through this difficult time. Larry and Betty Beal

Betty and Larry Beal - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Jane and I traveled to all parts of Missouri enjoying being with retired teachers. I will miss her, also, in DAR membership, in long conversations, and most of all as a dear friend.

Rosemary Bane - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Jane was a good teacher and I have fond memories of her science class in 7th grade. Her memories and work live on in the students she taught.

Sharon Whitman Easter

Sharon Whitman Easter - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM