



Eleanor Young

July 22, 1918 - February 9, 2015

Eleanor Iva Young aged 96 of Scottville, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2015 at Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital. Eleanor was born on July 22, 1918 the third daughter of Ray and Minnie (Dorn) Gifford of Chauvez Road, Riverton Township, and attended East Riverton School and the Evangelical Church of West Riverton. Eleanor graduated from Scottville High School in 1935 and furthered her education at County Normal School in 1936, immediately starting her teaching career at Nickerson School. She also taught at Saint Mary's Lake, Victory, and Rickey Schools.

On June 28, 1941, Eleanor married Wendell M. Young and they established a farm on South Scottville Road. She returned to teaching in 1961 for the Mason County Central Schools and while teaching, she also attended Central Michigan University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964. Her teaching career included MCC Middle School, Nordhouse Elementary, and MCC Elementary until her retirement in 1984.

Eleanor was a long standing member of the Scottville United Methodist Church, the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, the Michigan Farm Bureau, and White Pine Village where she served as the one room school teacher for visiting school groups and events. She also was a Docent at the White Pine Sugar Bush donated to the Village following Wendell's death.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Wendell Young in 1999, her parents, her infant sister, and her sister Leola Gifford, and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe and Elvie Anderson.

Eleanor will be greatly missed by her daughters Beverly (Dan) Hawkins of Winchester, VA, Doris (Ivan) Coles of Muskegon, and Nancy Letts of Scottville, her granddaughters Rebecca (Darel) Harmening of Holland, Sarah (Timothy) Gearon of Atlanta, GA, Rebecca (Kevin) Nulty of Ashburn, VA, and Julia (Paulo) Arruda of Bermuda, her grandsons Jonathan Wendell Chezick of Detroit, and Daniel Wendell Letts of Scottville, her great grandsons Cole and Clay Kennedy of Holland, her great granddaughter Laine Nulty of Ashburn, VA, her nephews Max (Rosemary) Anderson, Dean (Karen) Anderson, Vern (Sue) Anderson all of Wisconsin, and Bruce (Sandy) Anderson of Midland, and numerous cousins and dear friends.

Private family services will be held for Eleanor at the Stephens Funeral Home in Scottville with her pastor, Rev. Jack Conklin officiating. Burial will take place for Eleanor at Center Riverton Cemetery in the spring.

Eleanor's daughters wish to express their sincere gratitude to the neighbors, friends, relatives, and former students who faithfully attended her birthday parties the past six years. She enjoyed each one, and was highly honored by your presence. Those who wish to make contributions in her memory are asked to consider the Scottville United Methodist Women who graciously helped with her birthday celebrations.

Please visit Eleanor's personal memory page at www.wymanfuneralservice.com to leave a tribute of Eleanor for her family, or to light a candle in her memory.

Cemetery Details

Center Riverton Cemetery

2200 West Hawley Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Service

FEB 14 (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

KS

“ I loved her so much & will miss the memories we made with her & wonderful family!

Kay Seprion - February 15, 2015 at 04:14 PM

DS

“ Eleanor and Leola were teaching at MCC when I started teaching and then working at the CBO. Both were wonderful ladies, always very gracious with wicked wit and beautiful smiles. Will miss Eleanor as I have Leola. Debby Saxton

Debby Saxton - February 14, 2015 at 08:17 PM

RT

“ Rog And Lela Thurow lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Young



Rog and Lela Thurow - February 14, 2015 at 07:58 AM

SA

“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Young



sarah - February 13, 2015 at 10:53 PM



“ *Sandi Williams lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Young*



Sandi Williams - February 13, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Mrs. Young had such an influence on so many lives in Scottville, including mine. I loved diagramming sentences (really!), and she taught us how to do that. I think of her whenever I see a dangling participles or "un-parallel" construction. She was kind, generous, supportive, and very talented. Scottville is blessed to have had Eleanor as one of its wonderful citizens.*

Melanie Weaver Barnett - February 13, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *Beverly, Doris and Nancy and families....along with the Anderson boy's...We send our sympathy for your loss. May your wonderful memories and the love of family and friends bring you comfort. So many good memories of growing up in Riverton. Mary enjoyed visiting with Eleanor last year when she was at Oakview for a time. James and Mary (Darke) Dobias
Ludington*

Mary Dobias - February 13, 2015 at 08:50 AM

LB

“ To Beverly, Doris, and Nancy. I am sorry to hear about your mom. I remember all the good times we all had years ago with my parents and yours. Your mom was a real lady and wonderful mother to you all. Good memories last forever. You were lucky as I was also to have good parents. Larry Brower

Larry Brower - February 12, 2015 at 04:53 PM

 Beth Dufon

“ Mrs. Young was a wonderful educator who helped me believe in myself during the awkward middle school years. She treated all of her students equally and with such kindness. Deepest sympathy to her family. I will never forget her. May she rest in peace.

Beth Dufon - February 12, 2015 at 04:48 PM

BB

“ Betty Bauer lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Young



betty bauer - February 12, 2015 at 10:57 AM

LP

“ Your mom was true blue. Dedicated and sincere in all areas. Talented, hard-working. Proud to be a friend. Glad to have taught with her. She, as Leola, a role model. Love to you. Loretta Pankow

Loretta Pankow - February 12, 2015 at 07:37 AM

CJ

“ To the Young family & especially Nancy and Daniel. Your mother/grandmother was a very special lady/teacher that I cared about a lot. My prayers are with all of you for your loss but just remember the wonderful memories and her smile. Will really miss her.

Cheryl Tuka Janowiak

Cheryl Tuka Janowiak - February 11, 2015 at 11:38 PM

KK

Enjoyed her as a teacher & great person. Fondly thinking of her. Sending sympathy. Such a dear.

Kris Gable

Kristine (Kris) Gable Kounelis - February 12, 2015 at 07:48 PM

TH

“ hello nancy, this is teresa hillman[o'herron] we rode the bus home together for years. your mom was my favorite teacher, she was firm and had high standards but she also challenged us. she never let the other kids make fun of me when i did my presentations.i knew they were awful and i dreaded them but your mom helped make it ok. i am sorry for your loss.

Teresa Hillman - February 11, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ *Jamie McDonald lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Young*



Jamie McDonald - February 11, 2015 at 12:15 PM



Our prayers are sent to your family. Bob and Pauline Gale, Las Cruces NM

Pauline Gale - February 12, 2015 at 11:47 AM