



Frances McCormick

September 16, 1903 - July 9, 2005

Frances McCormick, our beloved teacher, friend and aunt, went to be with her Maker after 101 years of life on July 9, 2005 in Tyler. Services with reception following will be held 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at Tyler's Glenwood United Methodist Church, 620 W. Glenwood Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701 with the Rev. Jim Chatham and Rev. Gene Steger officiating under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Internment will be in Denton with a ceremony at 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 12, 2005. Frances was the oldest of five children and the only daughter of Georgia and Terrill McCormick, born September 16, 1903 and raised in Denton, Texas, near what was then called the Texas Women's College. She received her B.A. in English, a B.S. in History, and a M.A. in English and Library Science. Her teaching career began in 1922 in West Texas as she traveled to Midland by train and from Midland to Andrews by mail truck. It was ranch country and she loved teaching in Andrews, Bovina, etc. for seventeen years. Given advice that she really should teach in larger districts, she accepted a position teaching history for five years at Ball High School in Galveston. Miss McCormick went from the dry, sunshiny plains of West Texas to the hurricane season in Galveston, and though the hurricanes were exciting, the rainy weather got to her and she moved to Tyler. Tyler became home, with its pine trees and wonderful people. Two of the first people whom she met were the future Mrs. Lottie Caldwell and Mr. D. K. Caldwell, who served on the Tyler school board. Mr. Caldwell came by to meet her as began her Tyler teaching career in 1946. Frances' teaching career

spanned 47 years, including 25 years at John Tyler High School as the school librarian. Miss McCormick was active in Delta Kappa Gamma honorary women teacher's society, serving as their secretary for many years. She volunteered over 200 hours as a "coffee cart lady" at the East Texas Medical Center Hospital, volunteered at the Carnegie Public Library, was a Sunday school teacher for fourth and fifth grade boys and girls, kept the Church attendance records and managed the Church library for Glenwood United Methodist Church where she was a member since 1949. She was also a member of Smith County Retired School Personnel Association and a life member of Texas Retired Teachers Association. Miss McCormick did not marry. She was a wonderful aunt to Debbie Bigelow, Dennis McCormick, Roy McCormick, Mike McCormick and Terry McCormick and great aunt to Nicholas Bigelow, Scott and Bradley McCormick. Her four brothers preceded her in death. Honorary pallbearers will be Nicholas Bigelow, Mike McCormick, Terry McCormick, Scott McCormick, Bradley McCormick, Dennis McCormick, Roy McCormick, Tommy and Radiance Young, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and the Smith County Retired School Personnel Association. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Monday, July 11, 2005 at Tyler's Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., south Tyler, 75703. Memorials in honor of Miss McCormick may be made to the USO World Headquarters, Dept. WS, P.O. Box 96860, Washington, D.C. 20090-6860 or Glenwood United Methodist Church, 620 W. Glenwood Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

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“ Of all my teachers, Miss McCormick, is the one I remember with fond memories. As a senior at John Tyler High in 1955, I worked in the library with her. She will always be remembered for her kindness and wonderful smile. Recently, at the 50th reunion of the class of 1955, she was present and I was so very glad to see her and amazed to find out that she was over a 100 in age. She still had that sweet smile.

Verlyne House - July 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember the great times in the Libray. Sometimes it seems only like yesterday that I was a studt working for you. Teachers like you are what make the world a better place to live,

Melba Smith Slater

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