



Gloria Mae Goodsell

September 12, 1924 - March 11, 2017

Gloria Mae Post Goodsell, 92, died Saturday, March 11, 2017 in Tyler. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker, Rev. Gerry Giles and Don Garrison officiating. Visitation will follow the service.

Gloria was born September 12, 1924 in Kingston, N.Y. to the late Harold Post and Alice Hale (Lyons) Post. She graduated from Kingston High School and Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia where she served as president of the senior class.

Gloria taught Latin for two years in Arlington, Virginia following graduation. On July 4, 1947, she married Roger Walker Goodsell in Alexandria, Virginia. Gloria and Roger attended high school together and graduated the same year. They then moved to Schenectady, N.Y. where Roger was employed by General Electric Co. There, they had two sons, Roger, Jr. and Richard Kevin. The couple then moved to Tyler in 1955 where General Electric was building a new plant (now Trane). In Tyler, Gloria taught two years in Moore Middle School and moved to Robert E. Lee High School in 1958 to teach Latin and English when the new school opened. They joined Marvin Methodist Church. In 1971 Roger accepted the position of plant manager at the Trane plant in Fort Smith, AR., and Gloria took a position as Latin teacher at South Side High School. Following retirement in 1991, the couple moved back to Tyler where they lived in a home that Roger built. They spent their retirement years traveling, being close to family and renewing friendships at Marvin.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Robert Leonard Post.

She is survived by her husband Roger, who lovingly referred to her as Duchess during their 69 years together. Other survivors include son and daughter-in-law Roger Jr. and Belinda Goodsell, son and daughter-in-law Richard and Ruth Goodsell; grandson Richard Kevin Goodsell, Jr.; granddaughter and husband Lindsay and David Garner and two great-granddaughters Leah and Jenna Garner.

Gloria was a former president of Zeta Gamma of Delta Kappa Gamma, secretary of Tuesday Reading Club, secretary and historian of Smith County Retired Teacher Association, member of Marvin Methodist Church and leader of the Guild Circle for many years. She was president of United Methodist Women of Marvin Church. She was appointed by the Governor of Texas as one of 15 members of the state textbook committee.

Gloria loved people and travel. She and Roger traveled throughout the U.S. and Europe and rarely missed a college or military reunion. They especially cherished the many friends they made during their lives together.

The family would like to give special thanks to Heart to Heart Hospice and to Meadow Lake Nursing home for the care given to Gloria during her time there. Memorial contributions may be directed to Heart to Heart Hospice, 7925 S. Broadway Ave., Tyler, or Marvin Church Ministries, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, 75701.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Gloria Mae Goodsell*



Loretta Martinez - September 11, 2019 at 05:22 AM

KT

“ *I took two years of Latin at Southside High School in Fort Smith under Gloria. We would never have dared called her by her first name to her face, but always did privately. She was a great teacher; I learned Latin and so many other things from her, reinforcing my love of history. She was one of my most favorite teachers, and I am sorry I probably never told her that. Who would have thought that in a city like Fort Smith in the mid-70s that Latin classes would be in high demand and always filled that was due to Gloria. Requiescat in pace.*

Kent Taylor - November 20, 2017 at 12:22 AM

AH

“ I had many wonderful teachers at Robert E Lee High School, but Mrs. Goodsell was one of the best. I had her for tenth grade English. She seemed to expect the very best out of all of us and no matter how well I did, she expected a little more. She showed me I could accomplish things that I did not believe I could do. Late in the year, she gave me the lead in our class play. I was thrilled! She believed in me, and I began to believe in myself. She inspired me to become a teacher. In my senior education class at North Texas we had to write a paper about the teacher that most inspired us. I wrote that paper about Mrs. Goodsell.
Thank you Mrs. Goodsell I am so glad I had a teacher like you.

Alan Harders class of 1967

Alan Harders - March 17, 2017 at 09:01 AM

SK

“ A beautiful soul who contributed widely and deeply to so many.
Truly a life well lived.
When I think of her it is always with gratitude for her influence and a smile for her patience. I was not her best Latin student.
My sympathy to her family.
With Love,
Suzanne Cornelius Krause

Suzanne C Krause - March 17, 2017 at 07:46 AM

MG

“Gloria was one of the most gracious and beautiful ladies I have ever known and a true inspiration to all. She truly cared about everyone she knew and made their lives better. God has gain an incredible Saint, and we have lost an incredible friend, leaving us with many wonderful memories. She gave me a Christmas ornament many years ago which I hang with pride each year in a special place - a special memory, for sure.

Mary Gammell - March 16, 2017 at 09:35 AM

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Mary Gammell - March 16, 2017 at 09:27 AM

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Gloria with Mary Gammell and Santa, 2015

Mary Gammell - March 16, 2017 at 09:29 AM

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Gloria with Mary Gammell and Santa, 2015

Mary Gammell - March 16, 2017 at 09:30 AM

SR

“I was fortunate to have Mrs. Goodsell's Latin I and II classes in 1965-66 and 1966-67. She was so elegant and helped build my self esteem. She taught life lessons during our regular Latin classes. May she rest in peace. Sallye Tyler Rife

Sallye Tyler Rife - March 15, 2017 at 04:13 PM

LT

“Gloria was the personification of the word "lady." When I came to R.E. Lee, she was one of the first people I met, and she became a special friend. We even managed to spend 21 days together in Europe. She also had a funny sense of humor. I remember her telling me that she would buy cookies at the grocery store and have Roger hide them from her so she wouldn't eat all of them at one time. She was a beautiful, funny, kind, generous person, and she will be missed by all who knew her. My prayers are with the family.

Lugene Tucker - March 15, 2017 at 10:07 AM

JO

“When I think of the perfect lady, Gloria comes to my mind. How I loved being in her home and of the gracious way she always treated her guests. We were in Tuesday Reading Club together for many years and loved being in her company. She was always dressed to perfection. Roger, you did "good" when you married Gloria. This "lady" will be missed by all who had the honor to know her.

JoanneWilliams - March 14, 2017 at 08:15 PM

LF

“I love the memories I randomly remember and then I can't stop smiling! That's what happened whenever anyone was around Gloria...you just smiled! I will always treasure our time together at United Methodist Women, Wednesday night dinners together at church and visits with her and Roger at their home. I can honestly say she was one of my most favorite people I have ever know! Always loving and so kind to everyone. I know all of Heaven is smiling now because Gloria is there. I love you Gloria! Thanks for making me smile!
Lindsay Fazand

Lindsay Fazand - March 14, 2017 at 03:07 PM

MF

“ *What can I say in just one paragraph! Gloria was one of my dearest friends & influenced my life in so many ways as we shared our time together, starting with Marvin United Methodist Church & United Methodist Women. What a lady & always a lady! Elegant, proper etiquette - a must, lots of shoes, always spoke with positiveness. And, she loved Roger - such an awesome couple!*

Luckily, I have several mementoes to cherish our times together, besides the (11) pictures I attached under Photos.

God bless the beautiful memories Gloria gave me.

I will keep Roger & Gloria's family in my prayers.

Marty Fazand

Marty Fazand - March 13, 2017 at 06:54 PM

MF

“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



Marty Fazand - March 13, 2017 at 06:32 PM