



Rachel Mitchell Manning

October 2, 1925 - June 7, 2015

Mrs. Rachel Mitchell Manning, of Valley Head, Alabama died peacefully at her home on Sunday at the age of 89. She lived a rich life as a wife, mother, grandmother, educator, Gardner and world traveler.

Rachel Mitchell was born Oct. 2, 1925 in Fyffe, Al to Reuben Dallas Mitchell and Lucy Elizabeth Morton Mitchell. She is survived by her sister, Helen Mitchell Spires and was preceded in death by her brothers, Lionel and John and her sisters, Frances Eleanor Rodman, Kathleen Cook and Irona Mitchell. She attended Fyffe High School and graduated from The University of Alabama with majors in English, Spanish and Journalism and all at the age of 19. She later received her master's in Library Science from the University of Alabama.

Rachel was predeceased by her husband, Fred Murphy Manning in 1975. She was extremely proud of her six children, her daughter in laws, ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She is survived by her children Richard (Paulette), Steve (Jeanne, Paula Manning MacDougall, Alan (Susan, Angela Manning and Jeff (Kim).

Teaching was a lifelong passion and she instilled a love of learning and reading in many of her students. Through the years, she taught at Valley Head, Ider and Sylvania High Schools. She also served on the Valley Head School Board and was an active PTA Member.

Rachel always said the Dekalb Country Library was her seventh child. During her tenure as the Library Director, the new library was built.

For many years she was an active member of the Valley Head Baptist Church, teaching the Adult Sunday School Class. Later in life she joined the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne ;and often arranged the flowers for the Sunday Service.

Memorial visitation will be from 4 pm Wednesday until 8 pm at Wilson Funeral Home. Memorials graveside services will be 10 am Thursday from the Whitehall Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in remembrance of Rachel Manning to the Dekalb County Library, or to ABC Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Whitehall Cemetery

1602 Whitehall Lane NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Memorial Service

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Whitehall Cemetery
1602 Whitehall Lane NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Tribute Wall



“ *Rachel Mitchell Manning*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *For the loving family of Rachel Manning...*

Rachel's zest for life and enthusiasm for education was inspirational. She was very proud of her family and it must have been comforting to her to have her children, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family surrounding her in her time of need. She may have also received strength from the beautiful countryside that she called "Paradise Valley."

It is our hope that you will find comfort in your memories as you mourn your loss and celebrate Rachel's numerous accomplishments.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Booth

Ben and Susan Booth - June 10, 2015 at 12:21 AM



“ *Paula, Jeannie and family: so very sorry to hear about Mrs. Mannings passing. God Bless you all and our prayers are with you.*

Clark Miller

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