



Ruth Froelich Wells

May 1, 1912 - September 21, 2015

Wells, Ruth Froelich, age 103, of New Martinsville, WV, died Monday, September 21, 2015 at Genesis Health Care Center, New Martinsville. She was born May 1, 1912 in New Martinsville, the daughter of the late John C. and Molly E. Emch Froelich.

Ruth was a retired school teacher with 37 years of service; a member of the WV Association of Retired School Employees; and a member of the First Baptist Church in New Martinsville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Ephram Wells; and a sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Corliss.

Survivors include two nephews, Charles S. (Lori) Corliss and Jim (Judy) Yoho, both of New Martinsville; a niece, Kitty (Kenneth) Campanizzi of Wheeling, WV; and several great nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, with Rev. Don Biram officiating.

Burial to follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 841 4th Street, New Martinsville, WV 26155 or to New Martinsville Public Library, 160 Washington Street, New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Jodi Ferren lit a candle in memory of Ruth Froelich Wells*



Jodi ferren - March 16, 2016 at 09:16 AM

JF

“ *I was a volunteer at the nursing home few years ago and meet her there.. She shared stories of her life.. She always had a smile when I visit and when I past her in hallway.. Sorry so late..*

Jodi ferren - March 16, 2016 at 09:15 AM

SY

“ *SARAH YEATER lit a candle in memory of Ruth Froelich Wells*



SARAH YEATER - September 28, 2015 at 09:09 PM

SY

“ Mrs. Well was my first grade teacher at Central Grade School in the mid-1960s. The building no longer stands, but I can easily recall where her room was located. She kept a picture of a sunshine hanging on the door, so all of her students could easily find the room each day. There were several in the class and she had no helper. Kindergarten wasn't heard of then, so we all came with little preparedness for school. Her kind disposition and patience with a room full of energetic 5 and 6 years olds was remarkable. She used the "Counting Men" to teach us addition and subtraction and later carrying and borrowing. We also counted how many of us remembered to bring a handkerchief each day! There were no planning periods in those days. Mrs. Wells was my art teacher, music teacher, and gym teacher. She had recess duty, too. I'm not sure when (and if) she ever got to eat lunch! She always wore a dress or skirt & blouse. In my "grown up age of 5, " I thought Mrs. Wells was old. Nevertheless, she taught me how to read and despite of school year of sickness of pneumonia and tonsillitis, I moved up to second grade at Central Grade School. She was a lovely woman an will be sorely missed! My sincere condolences to the family, Sarah Mullett Yeater

Sarah Mullett Yeater - September 28, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ruth Froelich Wells.



September 24, 2015 at 06:31 PM

RG

“ Miss Froelich, as I knew her, was my second grade teacher. She was a wonderful teacher and one of my very favorites. I visited her the last time I was "home" - 5 years ago. She knew me, and we had a great visit. She was very special and touched many lives.
Ruth McColloch Graham

Ruth Graham - September 24, 2015 at 06:21 PM

CP

“ Mrs. Wells was my first grade teacher. I remember her & Frank well. They had a great place at the end of Maple Ave. Occasionally on rainy days Mrs. Wells would give us a ride to school in her 51 Plymouth 2 door businessman's coupe. Life was grand & made better by her.

Charlie Patterson

Charlie Patterson - September 24, 2015 at 11:14 AM

DM

“ I enjoyed visiting Ruth every 1st Sunday of each month after our church would sing to those who waited for us in the dining room after dinner. Ruth would always be waiting in her wheel chair, looking out her room door. She couldn't see well but always recognized my 'shadow' as she called it. I loved visiting with her and always went away smiling! What a sweet and gracious lady Ruth was!! I was truly blessed to have her as a dear friend.

Doris Miller - September 24, 2015 at 07:39 AM

QU

“ i needed all the lessons she offered me. It was never fun walking into the dreaded nursing home, yet once I sat beside her everything was a smile. She told me she was happy. Her face always showed it. She taught me to find the smiles in my world. After visiting her I was always walking on air. I am thankful for Ruth, Quill

Quill - September 24, 2015 at 06:42 AM

RY

“ I will always have wonderful memories of Aunt Ruth and Uncle Eph as they shared our lives while my children, Ben, JoDell, Jim, and LeeAnn, were growing up. We shared many turkey dinners, birthday parties, and other family gatherings. We lived in an apartment in their home on Maple Avenue for a couple of years. They babysat my one-month old baby girl so we could go watch Magnolia win its first ever football state championship in 1964. They told me they took turns holding and rocking her all day so she wouldn't cry. Ruth taught me lots of basics in sewing, and I bought my first sewing machine while living in her home. She taught me how to ice and decorate petite fours, but I was never as good at it as she was. She was a lovely, multi-talented lady, and will always be loved and remembered by my family. RIP dear Ruth.
Rosemary Yoho

Rosemary Yoho - September 23, 2015 at 09:34 PM

CB

“ Mrs Wells was my my first grade teacher and I have very good memories of as being kind and helpful, will miss her very much

Cynthia Blair

Cynthia Blair - September 23, 2015 at 09:24 PM

NK

“ Although I did not have Miss Wells as a teacher, some of my siblings did. She was so highly respected as a person and a teacher. She definitely left her mark on all who knew her. Norma Lasure King

Norma Lasure King - September 23, 2015 at 07:58 PM

TH

“ My thoughts to your family. My mother, Colleen Jennings Harman (she passed away a year ago), was a former student and always spoke so highly of her.

Teresa Harman - September 23, 2015 at 06:54 PM