



Isla Mills Stowe

October 1, 1928 - May 17, 2017

Isla Ruth Mills Stowe, age 88, of 1541 Whitmell School Road, Dry Fork, VA, passed away on May 17, 2017. Born October 1, 1928, in Roanoke VA, she was the daughter of the late Viola Mills Eanes and stepfather, Lee Martin Eanes.

She lived most of her life in Pittsylvania County and graduated from Whitmell Farm-Life School in 1947. She graduated from the Averett College Secretarial Program in 1948 and from the Danville Community College Educational Secretary program in 1977. She worked at WDVA Radio Station and Schewels Furniture Company prior to serving Pittsylvania County Schools as a secretary at Whitmell Elementary School for 24 years. Isla enjoyed collecting antiques and bells, traveling, and swimming with her friends at the Danville YWCA and Hargrave Military Academy. She was an avid historian and was instrumental in securing the Whitmell Farm Life School historical highway marker. She was a member of Whitmell United Methodist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher for 35 years. She was also a choir member and member of the Administrative Council. Mrs. Stowe was a charter member of the Tunstall Young Homemakers of Virginia and the Pittsylvania County Association of Education Office Personnel. She was a Lifetime Blood Donor (50+ plus units given).

Mrs. Stowe is survived by her husband of 65 years, Robert Moseley Stowe; two daughters, Anita Carol Stowe, of Sterling, Virginia and Judy Stowe Sullivan of Asheville, North Carolina; Judy's husband, Brent Sullivan; two grandchildren, Zach Sullivan, former Lieutenant and nuclear engineer in the US Navy beginning medical school at Duke University in the fall, and Lara Sullivan Krishnan, Spanish Language consultant; Lara's husband, Micah Krishnan; and three great-grandchildren, Juliet, Jesse and Scarlett, all residing in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Stowe is survived by a number of nieces and nephews and many close friends, of whom she was very fond.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel. Graveside services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 19, at Danville Memorial Gardens with Rev. Wayne Moore officiating.

The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Whitmell United Methodist Church, in care of Joyce Kelly, 1101 Franklin Turnpike, Chatham, Virginia 24531, or Tunstall Volunteer Fire Department, 740 Tunstall High School Road, Dry Fork, Virginia 24549.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Stowe family.

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens
510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty Ann Rigney and Katherine Rigney*
Please accept our most sincere condolences. We will miss Isla Ruth so much. She was such a wonderful person and we always enjoyed visiting with her when we were in Danville. Love and prayers for you all!

Betty Ann Rigney - May 23, 2017 at 08:00 AM

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“ *Remembering Isla Ruth Mills Stowe*

In the time that Isla spent on Earth, and the space she occupied, she made it better. You can't say more of anyone than that. She made a difference in my life.

Isla was a special child of God, and the best friend anybody could ever have. Our friendship will remain in my heart forever.

Love and prayers for Robert and family,

Nadine Wright Thomasson

Nadine Wright Thomasson - May 21, 2017 at 01:12 AM

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“ *Nadine Wright Thomasson lit a candle in memory of Isla Mills Stowe*



Nadine Wright Thomasson - May 21, 2017 at 12:48 AM

JR

“ *Robert, Anita, and Judy,
I am sorry to hear of Isla Ruth's death. She was one of the first people that reached out to me when I married Dalton and moved into the community. I loved her and have so many fond memories of those early years when I had small children and we would get together in your basement. My prayer is that God will help you through the grief of losing such a wonderful person in your life. Please take care.*

*With love,
Judy Robertson*

Judy Robertson - May 19, 2017 at 10:40 AM

ER

“ *Robert and Family,
I am so sorry in hearing that Mrs. Stowe has passed away. She will be missed by many that knew her . I always loved her at school in the office she was so sweet and loved seeing her at church. Just remember that JESUS needed another flower in his garden!! Your family will be in my prayers!
Love The Robertson's*

Elizabeth Robertson - May 18, 2017 at 08:02 AM