



Sally Lou Oakes

October 12, 1914 - September 6, 2016

Sally Lou Oakes, 101, formerly of the Deerwood Creek Community in Blairs, VA, died on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in Roman Eagle Memorial Home after a decline in health for the past three years.

Mrs. Oakes was born October 12, 1914 in Pittsylvania County. She was the daughter of Sidney Buford Oakes and Sallie Lou Fallin Oakes. Mrs. Oakes graduated from Whitmell Farm Life High School, she received her teachers certificate from Madison College, B S Degree from Radford College, and a Masters of Arts Degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She taught public school for thirty-nine years and retired in June of 1978. She also taught night school for Dan River Mills for many years. Mrs. Oakes was a life member of The Virginia Education Association, National Education Association, Virginia Association of Retired Teachers, Eliza Johns Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, National and Local Chapters of the American of Retired Persons, Dan River Retired Employees Club, and a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church. She was accepted and included in the Worlds Who's Who of Women in 1980 edition, and also included in Notable Americans 1982 edition.

Sally was predeceased by her husband Thomas Bernard Oakes; her son, Thomas Kenneth Oakes; two brothers, John William Oakes and George Washington Oakes; and two sisters, Grace Burton and Elizabeth Aldrich.

She is survived by three nieces, Betty Hirsch, Carol Fortner, and Rebecca Moore; one nephew, David W. Oakes, Sr.; and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

The family would like to thank her special caregiver Terri Bailey for her kindness and support she gave to Sally and also the staff on the South Terrace of Roman Eagle Memorial Home.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Oakes will be conducted on Friday, September 9, 2016 at 2:00 pm from the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel with the Reverend Tobias Lutz officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm prior to the service at the Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations be made to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, 8060 U.S. Hwy. 29 N., Blairs, VA, 24527; Blairs Fire Dept., 7100 U.S. Hwy. 29, Blairs, VA, 24527; or the Danville Humane Society, P.O. Box 3352, Danville, VA, 24543.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Oakes family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I had the pleasure of working with Sally during the first years of my career in education. She was a wonderful teacher and friend to all. I still use some of her recipes and always thought of her on my many trips to and from Chatham. Her home in Blairs was always open to friends. David ,you and Linda were so dear to her. Bless you for these years of seeing that she was cared for with love.

Diane B. Harper - September 09, 2016 at 12:55 PM

GM

“ I am deeply sorry to learn of Mrs. Oakes' death. She was my first grade teacher and she introduced me to the wonders of learning. I remember that she liked chocolate covered cherries.

Gloria McGee - September 08, 2016 at 08:45 AM

RM

“ Dear David and Family. My Daddy, Carlton Mills, truly loved the visits at his store when Sally and Bernard would come. They knew the Whitmell community and all of out shared "Kinfolds" like the back of their hands.I am sorry for your loss.Ricky Mills

Ricky Mills - September 08, 2016 at 07:37 AM

DA

“ I am so sorry to learn of your loss. May your many shared family memories bring you comfort. The scriptures remind us that Almighty God is close to those who grieve; "...He saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) My sincerest condolences to all of you.

Dana A. - September 08, 2016 at 07:24 AM