



## Joyce Henley

October 28, 1927 - September 28, 2012

Mrs. Joyce Duffield Henley, age 84, passed away on Friday, September 28, 2012, at The Oaks at Limestone in Gainesville, GA. Born in Butler, TN, she was the daughter of the late Clay Evans Duffield and the late Dorothy Millsaps Duffield. Mrs. Henley was the loving and devoted wife of Willis H. (Chile) Henley for 50 years until his death in 2004. She received a B.A. in English from Carson Newman College and did post-graduate studies at Emory University and the University of Georgia. She impacted the lives of so many children during her 47-year teaching career which began at Harriman High School in Harriman, TN. She used to recall that when she started teaching, some of her students, WWII veterans returning home to finish their education, were older than she was. Mrs. Henley also taught seventh-grade English and Math for 22 years in DeKalb County, GA, where she was known as a dedicated educator who instilled discipline and high standards in her classroom. When she and her husband moved back to Roane County, TN, she continued to teach, and many of her new students were the children of her former pupils. In 1982, she received the Distinguished Faculty Award while teaching at TMI in Sweetwater, TN. Education was her passion, but she was also an accomplished seamstress, pianist and organist, and an avid UT sports fan. She is survived by her daughter Dottie H. Williams (Monty), son Willis H. (Bill) Henley, Jr. (Pam), step-daughter Dianne Hamrick (Ken), step-son Randall Henley (Debbie), eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she is predeceased by

daughter Cindy Henley and grandson Michael Hamrick. The service will be held Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman, TN. Interment at Willard Park Cemetery will immediately follow. The service will be conducted by Rev. Mason Goodman. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. prior to the service on Thursday at Kyker Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Pat Summitt Foundation for Alzheimer's disease research and support at [www.patsummitt.org](http://www.patsummitt.org).

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ While I was never in her class, Ms Henley was my teacher. While at TMI she was our beloved Mom! She will be missed!!

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**Jeff Wallace - Crossville, TN - Former Student** - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ To the family of Mrs.Henley,  
I am so sorry to hear that such a loved person was lost. I see she was a teacher . I am 10 and I am a teacher too. However,I teach something different. In John 5:28,29 we find the hope of such loved ones being brought up and getting to have a chance at life again.

*My greatest sympathy ,*

*Joanna underwood*

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**Joanna underwood - Loudon, TN** - October 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Mrs. Henley was one of the most influential teachers of my life.

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**Robert Moses - Kingston, TN - Student** - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Joyce and Chile were very special to me while they were here in Roane County. They both always made me giggle. So proud they were in my life.

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**kim Henley Kennedy - Kingston, TN - friend** - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am truly sorry to hear this. Mrs. Henley was a wonderful teacher with a great sense of humor! I can still hear her laugh. She was strict, but caring and made class very interesting! I still have a paper I wrote in her class and recall the excitement of learning from her. We often watched *The Heartland Series*. I'm not sure if that was a break from my wild classmates or a time to learn and broaden our horizons. Mrs. Henley will be sorely missed.

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**Sheryl (Viar) Sweeton - Loudon, TN - Student @ Midway** - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I have wonderful memories of visiting the Henley home when Cindy and I were in high school. My life has been enriched from knowing the Henley family. My thoughts and prayers are with them. Love,  
Carol Ann

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**Carol Ann Bell Chapman - Lilburn, GA - friend of her daughter, Cindy** - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM