



## Violet Oma Sylvia Hembree

March 15, 1920 - January 10, 2011

Violet Oma Sylvia Hembree passed away at home on January 10, 2011. She was a member of Trenton Street Baptist Church. Preceded in death by husband John s. Hembree, Sr. Son Lonnie David Hembree, Great Grandchild Mason David Hembree, Parents Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie (Oma) Sylvia. Sisters, Grace Parton, Nancy Kirby, Pearl Sylvia. Brothers, Theodore Sylvia, Calvin Sylvia. Mrs. Hembree Graduated from the University of Tennessee with a masters degree in education, worked in the Roane County School system for 35 Years

### Survivors:

Sons and Daughter-in-Laws: James H. (Kathy) Hembree of Harriman

John Sayer Hembree (Evadene) of Kansas

Daughter in law Carole Hembree of Nashville

Grandchildren Joel Hembree, Kansas

James H. (Jennifer) Hembree of Harriman

Juanita (Wade) Creswell of Kingston

Jason Aguilar of Nashville

John Aguilar of Nashville

Great-grandchild R.J. Creswell of Kingston

Brothers: Lonnie Sylvia of Indiana

William Sylvia of Oliver Springs, TN

Robert Sylvia of Harriman

Sisters Mary Harmon of Harriman

Elizabeth Wheeler of Harriman

Patricia McGinnis of Oak Ridge, TN

Funeral will be 7PM Wednesday at the Kyker Funeral Home Chapel in  
Harriman with Rev. Wayne Nelson officiating. The Family will receive friends  
5-7PM Wednesday night. Interment in Roane Memorial Gardens 1:00PM  
Thursday

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Hembree. She was a fine person and good teacher. She will be missed.

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**Gary Powell** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Another matriach of the Swan Pond Community gone to heaven. She will be missed. I enjoyed the different times that I spent with Mrs. Hembree, when I volunteered at Emory Heights, or when she was at mom's shop.  
Thinking of you all in this time of celebration and saddnes. She was an icon that will be missed greatly. Seems sad that Violet and Grace are missing in my life now. The sisters were such fun to be around.  
Martha Roberts

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**Martha Roberts** - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Sayer & Evadene I'm so sorry for your loss. Mrs Hembree was a nice lady and a great teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Mary B Sheldon** - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So sorry we couldn't make it in for the funeral, but wanted to let you know our thought & prayers are with you all.

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**Darlene and Jerry Basler** - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mrs. Hembree was such a jewel. Unique in so many ways. Sometimes a stern exterior but such a soft interior. Her smile was beautiful and reflected in her eyes. She was much loved and I will never forget her or David. God Bless you all in your loss. She was a "one of a kind" and she will be so sadly missed.

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**Donna Pasdach McAbee** - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ James, Sayer and family. I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Violets passing and wish I could be there. I have many good memories of her and of spending some time on the "farm" with her and your Dad. Your uncle Lonnie always talks fondly of his time on the farm there and is sorry he can't make it either.  
Cousin Jeff from Indiana.

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**Jeff Sylvia** - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Kathy, James and Family. My condolences to you and the Sylvia family. Aunt Violet was a wonderful person and she will be greatly missed by many. I just found out today and am very saddened with the news. May God hold you in the palm of His hand during this sad time.  
Cousin Mary and Family from Florida. (Formally of Kingston)

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**Mary Cate-VanTassel** - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear James, Sayer and Families,  
You will never know all of the impacts, large and small, your mother had on all of us. She was a huge inspiration and role model. We loved her dearly and count us lucky to have been influenced by her.

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**Sharon Miller (Sylvia)** - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Kathy and James,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Violet's passing. She was a wonderful woman and my first principal. She was so respected by everyone who worked for her. I'm sure you will miss her.  
Marquitta

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**Marquitta Russell** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ James, Kathy, & family,  
I'm sorry to hear about Mrs. Hembree's passing. She was a strong role model for many female educators being the first female principal in Roane County. She was a wonderful person to work for. Mrs. Hembree was a blessing to me as a "beginning teacher" and for the Emory Heights Community. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Vickie Jean** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ VIOLET, WAS ONE OF A KIND ,LOVED HER. JUST WISHED I HAD FOLLOWED MY HEART AND WENT AND SPENT SOME TIME WITH HER, SHE WAS MY PRINCIPAL AT LITTLE EMORY,25 YEARS PASTED,RUN IN TO HER AT IGA SHE KNEW ,ME.WITH A BIG SIMLE AND A HUGE WE REMEBERED WHEN ! LOVE YOU VIOLET ! DARLENE

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**darlene adkisson** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ James and Family - my deepest condolences at this time. Some of my fondess memories are of the trips we took to Tenn to see my Aunt Violet on the farm. She was a wonderful person and will be missed.

Your cousin Mark from Indiana

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**Mark Sylvia** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Mrs Hembree was my principal at Emory Heights. She was a wonderful principal, and even when I went to high school she would still take the time to have talks with me. I enjoyed our talks we would have. She was admired and well respected. My prayers go out to her family and close friends, may God give you peace and comfort in your time of sorrow. Rest in Peace Ms Hembree and go with God, you will be missed.

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**Loretta Clark** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear James & Kathy,  
I am so sorry about your loss, your Mother was my Homeroom and Math teacher at Bowers Elementary. She was a very wonderful and strong teacher, in fact, all of my adult life has been involved in accounting in my work and I owe it to her teaching and her principles. I have so many fond memories of her.  
God bless your family and loved ones.

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**Beverly Baker Casteel** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ James, Kathy and family My thoughts and prayer are with you during the loss of your Mom. Ms Hembree was a wonderful Lady. Condolences Sharla Bowman

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**Sharla Christmas-Bowman** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

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**Michael Powers** - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *James & Kathy, I am sorry to hear about your Mom. She was she was such a good Lady. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jerry Kerley** - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *James and Kathy so sorry to hear about your mom. We are praying for the family. Heaven is awaiting for us all and someday we all will together again. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Jack and Pam Harvey Sr** - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sorry to hear about your Mom. I remember Mrs Hembree clearly and have fond memories of her as my 6th grade teacher at Bowers Elementary in South Harriman, TN. She was a great teacher. SHHS graduating class - 1963.*

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**Jerry Baker** - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Our family loved Violet...She was very unique...She was like an Army LTN... in Education...Her students respected her and she turned so many in the right directions...She was very stern and a friend to the students they all admire her for her good discipline...She will be so missed by her family and friends but she now has her promotion and is in a better place...My Sister Betty Brown enjoyed working with her through the years..RIP Violet...Nita Cox and Betty Brown*

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**Nita Cox** - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM