



Erma Helen Claud Holt

November 27, 1925 - October 21, 2012

The funeral for Erma Claud Holt, 86, of Athens will be Tuesday, October 23, 2012 11:00 a.m., at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home With Robert Staples, Ben Holt, and Sean Holt officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, October 22, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Holt died on October 21, 2012, at her home. Erma Helen Claud Holt was born on November 27, 1925, in Giles County, Tennessee. She was a member of the Pettusville Church of Christ, and retired school teacher from the Limestone County Schools. She taught for over 30 years. She earned her undergraduate and graduate degree from Athens State College. She taught English and Language Arts at Ardmore High School where she was also the Yearbook Sponsor and a Sponsor of the Senior Class. When she retired from the school system, she did volunteer work for the Athens-Limestone Hospital. She loved teaching and the many hours she devoted to working with students. The times spent with her family was the greatest joy of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband Ben Holt, her parents Linsley and Ruth Claud, and her son-in-law Lawrence Alan Staples. She was also preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Ronnie Ferrell Holt and Peggy Black Holt of Elkmont, Alabama; her daughter Jane Holt Staples of Florence, Alabama; her grandchildren Missy Holt Bailey of Elkmont, Alabama; Robert Alan Staples of Florence, Alabama; Ben Ferrell Holt of Lexington, Tennessee; Sean Ellerson Holt of Elkmont, Alabama; Betty Staples Miniclier of Huntsville,

Alabama, and 18 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Allie Mae Tate of Prospect, Tennessee; a sister Laverne Henderson of Winfield, Alabama; and a brother, H.T. Claud of Pulaski, Tennessee. A special note of thanks to her caregivers Bert Fraser, Betty Ivey, and Jane Dilworth for the love and care they gave "Mrs. Erma." Pall Bearers will be Kevin Bailey, Jeff Miniclier, Wesley Staples, Rhett Bailey, Jared Bailey, and Chance Bailey.

Tribute Wall

BC

“ I am so sorry about the lose of you mother. She was a great and very carrying teacher at Ardmore High School.
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Brenda Smith Clark - October 31, 2012 at 09:51 AM

JB

“ Ronnie, Jane, Sean & Families,
We are so sorry for your loss. Your families are in our prayers. We lost a very precious person, but she has gained so much more. May God be with you all during this difficult time. I worked with Erma at Ardmore and she was a very dear friend.

Jean & Wayne Brackeen - October 28, 2012 at 02:32 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Holt. She was a great lady, a great teacher, and a wonderful example as a devoted Christian. I cherish the hours we spent riding together to and from AHS for several years. She was so proud of her family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Doris Davis - October 27, 2012 at 11:30 AM

JH

“ I dearly loved Mrs. Holt. She was my teacher for 4 years and what she taught me has helped me all through my career. I am saddened by her home-going and yet I feel joy that she will be with her Ben and other family members. My prayers are with you all. God bless.

Janet Hill - October 25, 2012 at 12:56 PM

RM

“ *She was an amazing woman to all.I think she had an infulence on all that had her as a teacher at Ardmore High School. She was a well respected lady. So glad to have known this wonderful lady. I am so sorry for your family loss of such a precious lady.*

Rhonda Marlow - October 24, 2012 at 09:06 PM

TC

“ *So sorry for this loss of such a wonderful woman. She was truly a great teacher and will be missed by many.*

Tracy Smith Crow - October 24, 2012 at 11:53 AM

KH

“ *A very special lady she will be dearly missed.*

Kimberly Wagnon Hasting - October 23, 2012 at 03:12 PM

KG

“ *I would like to send my sorrow for the loss of Mrs. Holt. She was a great teacher and a wonderful woman. Sorry I could not attend due to illness.*

Kathy Nave Goolsby - October 23, 2012 at 02:54 PM

CC

“ Mrs. Holt was very dear to me as a teacher and as a role model. She loved for me to ask her questions about her courtship with her then deceased husband, Ben. She always looked off and smiled as she would recall stories for me and the class. Once when I, being a typical teen, asked her "Why don't you like me? You always call on me for answers!" She replied, "If I didn't like you, Cindy, I wouldn't even say your name at all." She insisted that as seniors we "learn" our Alma Mater and I still remember it to this day! I consider myself blessed to have had this outstanding lady as my English teacher at Ardmore High. My prayers go out to her family at this time of loss. But I KNOW she is now with her beloved Ben and that puts a smile on MY face. I love you, Mrs. Holt!

Cindy Nave Calder - October 23, 2012 at 09:32 AM

DC

“ Ronnie, Jane, and the Erma Holt family may God be with you in your loss. She will be greatly missed by all.

David and Ada Bee Clelm - October 23, 2012 at 09:13 AM

BH

“ Mrs. Holt, will be missed by us she is a wonderful person, she is the only person who offered care for me in my time of loss, She is now with our Lord, and the rest of her family who have gone be for her---
-BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY

Bobbie and Bill Gunter/ Hadden - October 22, 2012 at 05:09 PM

PS

“ Mrs. Holt was a wonderful influence on so many, I remember my senior year with her so fondly. I know she was loved by many and will be so missed. My prayers are with the family.

Paulette McConnell Smith - October 22, 2012 at 04:44 PM

BW

“ You will be missed.

Beverly Pressnell White - October 22, 2012 at 04:05 PM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss.

Julia Scott - October 22, 2012 at 01:07 PM

RA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your families are in our prayers.

The Grady Atkinson Family

Ray Atkinson - October 22, 2012 at 10:27 AM

LH

“ The world needs more Ms. Erma's. So thankful she was in our lives. My entire family admired and respected Ms. Holt.

Lana Adams Hargrove - October 21, 2012 at 11:02 PM

BL

“ What an amazingly incredible woman! I love Mrs. Holt dearly. She was such a positive influence during my time as a student at Ardmore High School. I was blessed to have her as my English teacher as a senior where she was diligent in teaching our class to write and write well. I was also on yearbook staff under her leadership. She not only imparted her academic knowledge, but was also an outstanding role model and solid Christian lady. She will be dearly missed by all. With sympathy, Beth Lewter

Beth Lewter - October 21, 2012 at 09:33 PM