



Sylvia M Urang

November 25, 1926 - August 21, 2014

Sylvia Urang, of Wooster, died on August 21 after a long period of declining health. she was 87 years old.

Sylvia was born Sylvia Marie Allen to Lucious Allen and Lily Baldwin Allen in Hammond, IN., the fifth of six children. Orphaned as a young child, she was adopted at age 11 by Clarence Walters and Carrie Sparks Walters and lived on their farm near Graysville, IN.

She attended university in South Carolina where she met and married Gunnar Urang. They had four children, Susan Urang, Sally Urang, Tim Urang and Rebecca Urang-Elkin. They were divorced in 1968.

Sylvia was an inspired and energetic elementary school teacher for all of her adult life, with her most recent posting in the Nashville/West Holmes school system, teaching K-3 Many of her students still remember her even after several decades.

After her retirement in 1990, she continued to teach in a part-time capacity at the Ida Sue School in Wooster.

Sylvia was a lifelong conservationist, winning 'Conservation Teacher of the Year' award as well as directing many conservation projects over the years,

including a bluebird box-building project that resulted in many Northeastern bluebirds returning to Holmes county to nest.

Sylvia was adventurous as well as a lover of the outdoors, hauling a camper to various exotic destinations every summer with her youngest daughter and visiting her son Tim in Alaska several times, chronicling her adventures with a movie camera and a journal, including a close encounter with a young black bear once.

Sylvia was an active member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and volunteered with People to People Ministries.

She is survived by her four children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wooster on Saturday, Sept. 6. Time to be announced. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to People to People Ministries, 454 E. Bowman St., Wooster, OH. 44691 or the Wayne County Humane Society, 1161 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster, OH. 44691.

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home in Wooster is honored with serving your family. Words of comfort may also be shared with the family and friends at: www.custerglenn.com.

Tribute Wall

RP

“Mrs. Urang, as my daughter referred to her, was a wonderful teacher. My daughter had her as her third grade teacher. Mrs. Urang loved children and enjoyed nature. Christy, my daughter, loved especially when they learned about the blue birds. They made a blue bird house and they were given poles to set them up. I still have a picture of my daughter putting up her bluebird house. They were given a container of black grease to paint on the pole so that the bird house and future nest would be protected. My daughter enjoyed that year of school. She will always be remembered at Nashville, Ohio-Nashville Elementary. Becky Porter

Rebecca Porter - September 05, 2014 at 07:28 AM

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“Very sweet wonderful lady in so many ways. My condolences to her family. She was one of my favorite teachers.

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BT

“My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time. There's nothing I can say that will ease your pain but I just wanted you to know I am thinking of you. My deepest condolences.

Bob Tilton

Bob Tilton - August 26, 2014 at 09:19 AM

DH

“ So saddened to read that Mrs. Urang passed away. Prayers for comfort and peace to family and friends. I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Urang as a teacher in school. She was a wonderful person who had a zest for life. Through the years, I've often thought of her. Bluebirds became an interest of our family because of Mrs. Urang. Every time I see a bluebird, I think of her, and will continue to do so.

Dawn Taggart Hummel

Dawn Hummel - August 25, 2014 at 08:34 PM

JM

“ I had her for first and third grade. She was an excellent teacher and wonderful lady. So sorry to hear of her passing. My condolences to her family.

Jenny (Darr) McElwain - August 25, 2014 at 05:00 PM



“ My sympathies are with my cousins and their family members in this time of loss. I will miss my Aunt Sylvia very, very much. May she rest in peace ... Love, David Murray

Dave Murray - August 25, 2014 at 11:15 AM