



Fayette Elkins-Ballard

November 18, 1919 - October 1, 2019

Fayette Elkins-Ballard, age 99 years, affectionately known to her family and friends as "Aunt Dink" passed away Tuesday morning, October 1, 2019, at 8:32 AM at the Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna where she had made her home for the past several years. Fayette was also a former resident of Goreville.

Fayette was born November 18, 1919 in Buncombe, Illinois. She was the daughter of Samuel Fayette and Edith Reece (Stewart) Elkins.

In March 1990, Fayette was united in marriage to Kenneth L. Ballard at the Goreville United Methodist Church. Kenneth preceded her in death on November 22, 2004.

Fayette is survived by her beloved son – Gregg Elkins of Carbondale; four generations of nieces and nephews; her extended Ballard family from her marriage to Kenneth; as well as a host of friends and former students.

In addition to her parents and husband, Fayette was preceded in death by all her siblings: Bon M. Elkins, Colin H. (Lula) Elkins, Mary Maxine (Virgil) McKenzie, Louise (Oval) Parrish-Henderson, Katherine (Truman) Dick, and James Preston (Edith) Elkins; as well as her much beloved great niece – Heather Harper Treat and her great-great niece – Lauren Carlton.

Fayette was a graduate of the Buncombe High School. She received a teaching certificate from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She later returned to SIU and earned a bachelor of science in education degree.

Fayette was a lifelong educator. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse at Moscow Public School in Union County. She also taught elementary education in Anna, Tunnel Hill and Vienna until her retirement. Finding that retirement did not suit her well, Fayette began working in the office of the Johnson County Supervisor of Assessments. She continued her work in the Assessor's office until again retiring. Through the years, Fayette also worked as a waitress at Ned's Shed restaurant in Vienna, she sold World Book Encyclopedias, tutored young children, and taught head start during the school summer breaks.

Fayette was a faithful and active member of the Johnson County Retired Teacher's Association as long as her health permitted. She was also a member of the Goreville United Methodist Church.

Fayette and Kenneth loved dancing. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and many friends. She particularly enjoyed Sunday afternoon drives with her son Gregg. These drives always involved stopping for ice cream. Fayette also enjoyed the company of her sisters, Louise, Maxine, and Katherine, when they all lived close enough to socialize on a regular basis. Fayette is also remembered for her love of clothes shopping. She was a lady of timeless grace and class. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Gregg would like to extend a very special thank you to Great niece Robin Harper Whitehead who gave endlessly of her time and love to make Mother's last years and especially last weeks, and the very end, full of sweet tender

gentle kindness. Mother and I love you dearly.

A service honoring the life of Fayette Elkins-Ballard will be conducted Thursday evening, October 3, 2019, at 6 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Steve Heisner will officiate. An opportunity will be given during the service for those attending to share memories, reminisces, and stories of Fayette's long and exemplary life.

The family will receive relatives and friends prior to the service from 4 PM - 6 PM Thursday afternoon at Bailey Funeral Home.

Those wishing to attend a brief committal service prior to her interment are invited to gather at Bailey Funeral Home at 7:45 AM Friday, October 4, 2019, to leave in procession at 8 AM to travel to Mt. Zion Cemetery, east of Buncombe.

Memorials may be made to the Johnson County Retired Teachers' Scholarship Fund, c/o Barbara Watkins, 7680 Dutchman Lake Road, Tunnel Hill, Illinois 62972 or to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

OCT 3. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Committal Service

OCT 4. 8:15 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Cemetery
Buncombe, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Fayetta Elkins-Ballard*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *You were my first grade teacher. You were one of my favorites over the years.i can clearly remember being in first grade. Love and prayers to Gregg, and your family.....Leanne (Nutty)*

Leanne (Nutty) Stoner - November 20, 2019 at 12:37 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Fayetta .Deon and Carma loved her so much I felt like I knew her from the years they had spent with her. Big hugs to the family she was a strong beautiful lady*

Carol Bryant - October 09, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *I remember her as Miss Elkins my second grade teacher at Davie School in Anna. She was one of my favorite teachers. I thought she was the prettiest, kindest teacher I ever had. Have remembered her all these years.*

Golda Kesler - October 04, 2019 at 11:46 AM

KL

“ *Kathy Whiteside Lay lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Kathy Whiteside Lay - October 03, 2019 at 10:21 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



John Slack - October 03, 2019 at 02:01 PM

CH

“ *Carrie Crews Hutchison lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Carrie Crews Hutchison - October 03, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Fayette Elkins-Ballard.*



October 03, 2019 at 10:18 AM

BW

“ *Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Barb Warmack - October 03, 2019 at 06:02 AM

DH

“ *Dallas & Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Dallas & Charlene Harner - October 02, 2019 at 09:49 PM

JR

“ *Jane Ross-Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Jane Ross-Wright - October 02, 2019 at 09:10 PM

JR

*She was my 2nd grade teacher at Tunnel Hill. I have very fond memories of her. Jane Ross
Jane and Clearon Wright*

Jane Ross-Wright - October 02, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



Mike Crews - October 02, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fayette Elkins-Ballard.



October 02, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Elaine Rotan lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



Elaine Rotan - October 02, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Melissa Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



Melissa Mitchell - October 02, 2019 at 06:55 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



Dennis and Pat Harner - October 02, 2019 at 06:40 PM

JB

“ Miss Elkins” was my second grade teacher at Davie School in Anna. I remember her being very nice and supportive to a shy little girl.

Joyce (Fear) Bell - October 02, 2019 at 04:58 PM

KH

“ Kathy Holt lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



Kathy Holt - October 02, 2019 at 02:44 PM

JF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers with the family at this time.

Richar and Joan Faulkner-Owen

Joan Faulkner-Owen - October 02, 2019 at 10:42 AM

JH

“ Like others have mentioned, Miss Elkins was my 1st grade teacher and had a profound influence in my education and setting norms of proper human behavior. I am grateful for the blessing of Miss Elkins impacting my life. My recollection of any "teaching" provided to me by Miss Elkins was delivered in a competent, patient, positive, and respectful manner. I have not always lived up to the bar Miss Elkins set, but I knew what I was supposed to do. I wish I would have expressed my gratitude directly to Miss Elkins.

Jerry Hawkins - October 02, 2019 at 10:26 AM

SH

“ R.I.P.



Scott Hunsaker - October 02, 2019 at 08:58 AM

LN

As I remember miss Elkins as we called her was a wonderful lady, and a wonderful teacher. She was my third grade teacher. May god bless her friends and family. Linda nalley

Linda nalley - October 02, 2019 at 10:14 AM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Teresa Anderson - October 02, 2019 at 07:20 AM

GC

“ Gary & Kathy Carlton lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



Gary & Kathy Carlton - October 02, 2019 at 05:53 AM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



Larry and Carolyn McGill - October 02, 2019 at 01:17 AM

LM

“ Larry McGill lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard



larry mcgill - October 02, 2019 at 01:14 AM

DP

“ What special lady, We are so sorry for your loss.

Davis and Pat Prewitt - October 02, 2019 at 12:50 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Linda Koehler - October 01, 2019 at 11:45 PM

MM

“ *Ms Elkins was my very special, first grade teacher at Tunnel Hill Grade School. Kindergarten was not offered, so she lovingly and patiently introduced me to formal education. Many years later, I aspired to be like here in my own first grade classroom. Ms Elkins has left her indelible legacy on many of us who were fortunate enough to have known her. Sending many prayers to her family.*

Melinda McCuan-Kunkel - October 01, 2019 at 11:37 PM

LG

“ *Ms. Elkins was our first grade teacher and was a very special lady. So sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of her.*



Lora Goddard - October 01, 2019 at 11:04 PM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Fayette Elkins-Ballard*



Bobby Rentfro - October 01, 2019 at 10:55 PM