



Ola Mitchell Presson

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Mrs. Ola Presson passed away on May 19 from complications with Alzheimer's Disease.

She was born in Douglas County, Missouri on June 8, 1927. She graduated salutatorian from Ava High School in 1945 in Ava, Missouri and graduated from Southwest Missouri State University in 1949. She received her Master's Degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin University.

After graduating from high school she attended Southwest Baptist College in Boliver, Missouri on a full scholarship. It was here she met Robert Presson at the local Methodist Church where she played piano. In August of 1950 she flew from Missouri to the Panama Canal to marry Robert. They were married for over 40 years. Mrs. Presson resided in Longview for over 50 years. She taught American Literature at Longview High School for 25 years and retired in 1988. Her love of music, literature and nature was an integral part of her life. She spent many years camping in the national and state parks with her family and took special pleasure in visiting Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

She was an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church since 1961. She delighted in playing piano for and teaching the John Wesley Sunday School class for many years as well as being a member of the church choir. In addition to her involvement with the church she was also active with The East Texas Historical Museum and a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award. For many years after her retirement Mrs. Presson enjoyed running into former students and learning what they had been doing since graduation.

Mrs. Presson is survived by Richard and Lynda Presson, and grandson Mitchell of Kingwood, Danny Presson of Longview and Carole Presson of Dallas. She is also survived by nephew Harrison Dunnegan of Ava, Missouri and niece Kay Goss of Mansfield Missouri.

Visitation will be 5:30-7:30 on Friday. A service will be held at Rader Funeral Home on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at Rader Funeral Home in Longview at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Virginia Wall officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens.



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Anonymous posted:

Richard, Danny, and Carolel just learned of your moms passing. So sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of her. Please know that your are all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Debbie Stone Matte##imported-end##

May 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

When I saw your mother's picture in the paper and her beautiful smile, I immediately recognized her as the lovely lady who taught Cindy, my step-daughter, in the early 70's. She was Cindy's favorite teacher and the only one Cindy invited to her graduation luncheon. She made a difference in Cindy's life and I am sure many, many more of her students. You have my sincerest sympathy and prayers.##imported-begin##Sandy Snow##imported-end##

May 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Danny, Richard, and Carole,I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. Unfortunately by the time I learned she had gone on to be with our Lord, it was too late to come down for the service. I recall all the fun times we had together during our childhood and teen years. I still don't think anyone could cook a cheeseburger as good as your Mom did on Friday nights. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. If you are ever in the Washington DC area, please give us a call. We would love to see you. With Love to All of You,Don, Karen, Matt and Don Andrew Staggs##imported-begin##Don Staggs & Family##imported-end##

May 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Carole, Cyndy and I were so sorry to hear the news about your mother. We are thinking of you and your brothers.##imported-begin##Kelly Mulroney##imported-end##

May 21 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dr Richard and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I always loved your Mom. She was one of my favorite teachers and a wonderful lady. God bless you all, Sherry Beall Molpus

May 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Carole, We are so sorry to hear about your loss and please know that you are in our thoughts. Debbie & Dave

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was sorry to learn of Mrs. Presson's passing. She was my 11th grade English teacher at Longview HS, and I enjoyed being in her class. I hadn't seen her in many years, but I know she was always a kind and caring person. Her passing is a loss for all of us who learned so much from her.

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Family, So sorry to hear about Mrs. Presson. She was a long time friend of my mom's - Alma Bagley from the Wesley days! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

After teaching British Literature at Gladewater High School for twenty years, I taught British Literature at Longview High School for two years. What a joy and delight it was to work alongside Ola Presson! She was admired by all her colleagues. It is my prayer that God will give you strength during this time of sorrow. My Lord has a word for every heartache; the Divine Physician has a touch for every wounded spirit; my Blessed Savior has a comfort for every tear. Larry W. Osborne Gilmer, Texas

May 20 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I was sadden to hear about Mrs Presson. She was a wonderful and sweet person and one my Favorite English Teachers at LHS...May God Bless Your FamilyNelvin Hendrix-BonnerClass of 1977##imported-begin##Nelvin Hendrix-Bonner##imported-end##

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole-My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time! Bob##imported-begin##Robert S Crank##imported-end##

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are saddened to hear of your loss. We remember her as a special teacher having myself, Pete, having taught at LHS with her and the many years at Wesley Methodist Church.##imported-begin##Pete and Jean Blanton##imported-end##

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I recall the days of singing in the choir with her at Wesley Methodist. She was such a sweet person.##imported-begin##Faith Ann Blanton Pearson##imported-end##

May 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Richard, Danny, and Carole,I am so sorry for your loss.Your mother was a wonderful lady. May God Bless you.Adrienne Gray Myers##imported-begin##Adrienne Gray Myers##imported-end##

May 20 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Kyle, Rebecca, Heather and Haley##imported-begin##Kyle and Rebecca Hardman##imported-end##

May 19 at 7:00 PM



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