



Frances Jackson

June 3, 1912 - August 29, 2015

Frances Marion Richards Jackson, Died August 29, 2015

One of Newnan's oldest citizens died Saturday, August 29, 2015. Frances Marion Richards Jackson passed away peacefully at her home at the age of 103. Born June 3, 1912, in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia, the oldest of three daughters born to Henry Evard Richards and Alma Reese Richards, she was raised in Newnan. After graduation from Newnan High School in the class of 1929, she furthered her education at Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville, earning a diploma with the class of 1931.

Frances embarked on a professional career in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where she met Edward Burl Jackson of Ohio. They were married in May of 1943 in Rossville, Georgia. Both were involved in the famous Manhattan Project of World War II. Ed's service in the Army led them to opportunities in Richland, Washington where they spent most of their working life. While Ed worked as an engineer and manager for the Atomic Energy Commission, Frances served as the head librarian at the General Electric scientific library for many years. They retired to Newnan in 1984.

They built a home on Elm Street adjacent to Frances' beloved sister, Edna Earl Hardy. Frances, Ed & Edna Earl were always together. They were seen regularly at Cracker Barrel, Golden's and Sprayberry's. A waitress at

Sprayberry's once remarked that she thought Mr. Jackson had two wives. The bonded group of three looked after one another in their elder years separated only in death first by Edna Earl in 2005 and then by Ed in 2010.

Frances was a talented artist and in her retirement years enjoyed painting, needlepoint, stained glass work and other crafts. She loved to share her talents with family and friends. She was a woman of keen intellect, sharp wit and Southern charm. Frances loved to read and always enjoyed a good mystery – special favorites being the “Mrs. Pollifax” series, which featured a widowed senior citizen as the heroine.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Alma Richards; her husband of sixty-six years, Edward Burl Jackson; and her sisters, Virginia Richards who died in 1920 at the age of four, and Edna Earl Hardy. She is survived by her nephew, F. Andrew Byrd, his wife Beth of Little Rock, Arkansas; Andy's children, Scott Byrd, his wife Yolanda; Leslie Byrd Biagioni, her husband Peter, their sons, Nathan and Zack; Blake Byrd, his daughter, Evie, all of Arkansas.

Frances is also survived by a large contingent of her husband's Jackson family, mostly in Ohio, including Ed's siblings Daisy Jackson Clarke of Columbus, and Frank Jackson of Coshocton. From Duluth, Georgia, Ed's niece Betsy Hickerson Wieber, her husband Ted, and their son Ted, provided important local support to enable Frances and Ed to meet their objective of staying in the home that they built and enjoyed.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Mrs. Jackson will be buried in a private ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – a favorite of Frances. www.stjude.org/donate

Arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan. 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graveside Oak Hill Cemetery
96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I have fond memories of Aunt Farces and Uncle Ed. I know they are together again. Along with their beloved Puff. Such great people, so blessed to know them.

Gretchen Harper - September 06, 2015 at 11:43 AM

PB

“ Wilson and I were so sad to hear of Miss Frances passing. For most of my life some member of the Richards family beginning with Mr. Henry when I was very young and Miss Edna Earl and later in life Mr. Ed and Miss Frances have been a part of my life. It truly is the end of an era for us and all of them will truly be missed. Andy is as one of the family we have missed thru the years and we pray that God will keep all the family strong in the Christian faith in years to come. You truly have a rich heritage.

patsy bernhard - September 02, 2015 at 08:47 AM

SB

“ I love you Aunt Francis! Thank for all the love and support you always gave us.

Scott Byrd - September 01, 2015 at 09:42 PM