



Martha Sue Jordan

September 30, 1914 - April 29, 2011

Martha Sue Jordan, the only child of William Benjamin and Jessie Woodall Jordan, was born September 30, 1914, in Talbot County, Georgia. She was reared in Woodland and finished Woodland High School in 1931. The following year, she began her college education at Georgia State Teachers College in Athens, Georgia. She graduated in 1935 with the A.B. degree at the University of Georgia. She also earned the Masters Degree and the Specialist in Education at the University. She began her professional career in Worth County, Georgia, in the small town of Warwick where she taught English, Latin and Social Studies. After six useful and wonderful years at Warwick, she spent three years in Ashburn, Georgia. She taught English and Social Studies and the last two years she was the High School Principal. In 1944 Miss Jordan moved to Newnan, Georgia, for sixteen years. She taught English and Social Studies on both Junior High and Senior High levels. Her last eight years she was the Curriculum Director of the Newnan City Schools. In each of these schools, Miss Jordan was community oriented becoming very active in church activities, other organizations as well as social activities. She taught Sunday School and assumed various responsibilities with the youth organizations. In Newnan, in addition to teaching, she coordinated the Student Experiences for Mercer University, Wesleyan and the then West Georgia College with the Newnan schools. She always managed to keep busy! In 1961 Miss Jordan became a faculty member in the College of Education, University of Georgia. Although she taught some courses, she worked

primarily in DPL (Demonstration Professional laboratory). She assisted student teachers and supervising teachers in preparation for the student's experiences in the public schools. She traveled to a number of schools and visited with the students and teachers discussing their achievements and planning next steps in the program. Eventually, she had the opportunity to initiate a Student Teaching Center in the Atlanta area for several colleges and later in the Clarke County Schools. Through the years her professional memberships included: Life member of NEA, GAE and the UGA Retired Teachers Association, Life member of the Parent Teachers Association, which was presented to her by the Newnan Junior High School P.A., Kappa Delta Pi (she was honored as "Teacher Educator" in 1973), Phi Delta Kappa National and Georgia ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development). She served the Georgia ASCD as President in 1971 and was on the National board. She was presented certificates of Leadership and Appreciation from both ASCD organizations. She was a charter member of MU Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma in 1947 (Honorary Women Teachers Organization) and was the second President. She was also Corresponding Secretary of Psi Stazte Delta Kappa Gamma for a biennium. She remained an active member serving on committees. As she became a fifty-year member, she was honored by the chapter with a beautifully designed "Book of Letters". She was also a charter member of the Knox-Conway Daughters of the American Revolution in 1942 in Ashburn, Georgia, and was the first Secretary. She transferred to The Cherokee Chapter in Atlanta where she was Yearbook Chairman for two terms and remained a reserve member. Early in life, Sue Jordan had the greatest admiration for the University of Georgia and through all the years has been an avid football fan. On the Saturdays that the Bulldogs play, she dons the red and black with the Bulldog vest and lets nothing prevent her from seeing every play on TV. Among the memorabilia in a special room hangs the "Dan Magill Award" which reads: "For loyalty, dedication and commitment to the Bulldogs and to the University, presented by the Newnan Bulldog club." It is now the Coweta-Fayette Bulldog Club. Completing forty-

four years in education, Sue Jordan retired from the University of Georgia in August 1979. Miss Jordan then returned to her home in Newnan, Georgia. Miss Jordan became a volunteer with the Cancer Society, where she served as President of the local unit and remained on the board. She volunteered for the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society, of which she was a member, and was a member of the Newnan Reading Circle. In 1998, she moved to the beautiful new Wesley-Woods of Newnan-Peachtree City, a community for senior citizens. Miss Jordan loved to read, play bridge, walk and meet people and travel. Sue Jordan, a loyal friend, a very thoughtful, sincere and generous individual, maintained a positive attitude about life, people, and personal and professional activities. Her influence continues to be felt in the educational area and in the community. Sue Jordan was a member of Ephesus Primitive Baptist Church in Woodland, Georgia. In 1952 she joined Central Baptist Church in Newnan, Georgia. A dedicated member, Miss Jordan taught Sunday School several years, and was active in the Joy Sunday School Class.

Survivors include first cousins Suzanne Pye (Warren) Richardson, John A. (Martha) Woodall, Mary Ann Woodall (Robert) Fritz, Caroline Woodall, and a number of other cousins and many friends.

Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. The memorial service honoring the long and distinguished life of Martha Sue Jordan will be held at Central Baptist Church in Newnan on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 2:00 PM with her long-time friend and pastor, Dr. Joel E. Richardson, officiating. There will be a reception for family and friends in the church fellowship hall following the service. Martha Sue will be interred on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 2:00 PM beside her beloved mother in the family cemetery in Woodland, Georgia. Those who wish to honor Miss Jordan's life may do so by memorial contributions to Central Baptist Church P.O. Box 1221 Newnan, Georgia 30264. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a lovely lady. I met Martha Sue (as I called her) at the clothing store where I work. One Saturday she came in and I asked how she was. She replied "well, I'm not so good." I told her I was so sorry to hear that and asked what was wrong. "The dawgs are playing and I don't know the score." I let her know that I had a friend at the game so we called her. Martha Sue was delighted to learn that the dawgs were winning. I will miss her very much. She was simply wonderful. My condolences to her family and friends.*

Kristen Kinser - May 09, 2011 at 09:44 PM

BW

“ *We remember meeting Miss Sue when we first got to Newnan years ago. She made a great impression on us as a leader in the field of education. She will definitely be missed and we would like to express our condolences to her family.*

Bobby and Geraldine Welch - May 05, 2011 at 07:08 AM

FF

“ *Newnan has lost another saint. I will Miss seeing Miss Sue at church in her regular seat on the back row. She was a fine person and lived a life that is appreciated by all that knew her. Frank Farmer*

Frank Farmer - May 04, 2011 at 03:06 PM

MT

“ *The University of Georgia has lost one of its finest! Miss Sue was a Bulldog through and through and loved her team through good times and not so good times. She would sometimes call me in Athens with news about the Bulldogs. I will miss her more than anyone will know and I am so glad that she came into my life.*

Melinda Thomas - May 02, 2011 at 12:33 PM

MD

“ *I shall always remember and be grateful for "Miss Sue" who taught me in the seventh grade and gave me self-esteem when I most needed it. She followed my career with encouragement all the way through my doctorate at the University of Georgia and was so kind and thoughtful. She was a good Christian and a wonderful educator on every level. I celebrate her life. Mollie Camp Davis*

Mollie Camp Davis - May 02, 2011 at 10:12 AM

BB

“ *My deepest condolences go out to Miss Sue's family and friends. She and Mrs. Blanche McDonald were such dear dear friends of mine (and many) growing up here in Newnan. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Bob B.*

Bob Blackburn - May 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM

SP

“ Miss Sue, Miss Blanche, and Miss Reba were extraordinary educators, as well as good friends. When I graduated from UGA, they took me under their wings as a beginning teacher. Miss Blanche started the "system of support" for me, and Miss Sue and Miss Reba continued what Blanche started. These wise, kind, lovely ladies made a difference in my teaching career. I shall always honor them. Miss Sue was so very special to me. Because she stayed current on educational issues, we often would dialogue for hours about the latest trends. She'd say, "Can you see this working? How does your principal see it? Let me know what the pitfalls are" were common to our talks. Once I became a principal, the talks were even more full of questions, especially related to No Child Left Behind! In her own way, she continued to mentor me through a 30-year career as an educator, even though she had long-since retired herself! Miss Sue was 93 when I retired, and she never missed a beat of my career. What a lady to treasure, love, and aspire to be like. If I've said it once, I've said it a hundred times: "You are my hero, Miss Sue."

Sylvia Harvey Phillips - May 01, 2011 at 12:36 AM

TM

“ Miss Sue was a founding member of Mu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honor society of women educators. She was one of thirteen original charter members who began Mu Chapter in 1947. She was a wonderful, inspirational teacher and was faithful in her attendance and her love for Delta Kappa Gamma. We will miss her so much!

Tina Marsh - April 30, 2011 at 08:45 PM