



Dr. Georgia Rae Leeds

November 3, 1935 - July 8, 2011

Dr. Georgia R. Leeds, 75, passed away July 8, 2011 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was born on November 3, 1935 in Des Moines, Iowa to Herbert and Helen Black. Georgia attended Muskogee Public Schools, Bacone, NSU, and OU. She married Jesse Lee Leeds Sr. in July of 1955. Georgia received a PhD in History at the University of Oklahoma. She retired as a History Teacher from Muskogee High School and became a History Professor for Connors State College and Northeastern State College. She was also a Graduate Assistant at the University of Oklahoma. Friends and family nicknamed her "Doc Leeds". Georgia had many hobbies. She enjoyed music, photography, gardening, collecting art, clocks, American Indian artifacts, and writing. In 1996, Georgia published a book titled, "The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma". She was a member of several Clubs and fraternal organizations, such as: Five Civilized Tribes, Girl Scouts of America, American Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Who's Who Among American Educators, Board Member for the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, and President/Board Member for Girl Scouts of the Lakewood Council.

Georgia is preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Jesse Lee Leeds Sr.

She is survived by her children; Eydie Halstead of Muskogee; Jesse Leeds Jr. and wife, Dianne of Las Vegas, NV; Jan Ross and husband Mike of Muskogee; and Leslie Scott and husband Randy of Muskogee; grandchildren,

Autumn, Stoni, & John Halstead, Danielle and Aubrie Leeds, Chad Bell and Jessica Gibson, Will and Reynolds Matthews, Amanda Campbell and Nicole Nail, Brea Battenfield and Clint Scott; great grandchildren, Kaylee and Brianna Bryson, Linzy Gibson, Jake and Jaxson Nail; sisters, Brenda and husband Charlie Wilbourn of Muskogee and her children Randy Weeks and Keven Clift; and Madelon Tirey of Atlanta, GA; numerous nieces and nephews of the Leeds family.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial contributions be made to the Five Civilized Tribes Museum or the American Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Services will be 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at First United Methodist Church, with Pastor Rusty Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Fort Gibson National Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory, 1830 North York Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com .

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Service

JUL 12. 11:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
600 E. Okmulgee Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Georgia Rae Leeds*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *"Goody Leeds" was one of my favorite teachers, She was absolutely inspiring and I loved her, as did all my classmates. She read to us out loud classics such as The Scarlet Letter, and Leaves of Grass - her passion was evident when discussing the Transcendental Movement. She connected with us students in a way I will never forget! She was a friend and an incredible teacher that made literature come alive inside the walls of Muskogee High. RIP Mrs. Leeds!*

Mary Elizabeth Gard - July 29, 2011 at 03:39 PM



“ *Dear Eydie and Family: It seems like yesterday we were riding around all piled in the back of your mom's station wagon and driving around town and out to the cemetery. We would be so scared and then relieved when she came back to pick us up. Remember when we were in Girl Scouts and your mom took us on a bike ride out to the Arkansas River and we went swimming in it? And Girl Scout camp, I still have pictures. I will cherish those memories. I send my sympathy and love to all of you at this time.*

Beth Ainsworth Croman

Beth Ainsworth Croman - July 13, 2011 at 09:18 AM

JW

“ Dear Eydie and Family: I was saddened to learn of Georgia's passing. Please accept my sympathy. Georgia and I became friends when we had several history classes together at NSU. I was so proud of her and greatly admired her when she obtained her Ph.D. I'll always remember her love of history, her quick wit, and her beautiful blue eyes.

Judy Stump Waterbury

Judy Stump Waterbury - July 12, 2011 at 02:54 PM

MW

“ What a beautiful service for a beautiful Lady. It was a pleasant surprise to see my mother's photo with Georgia in her remembrance video. Our mothers were friends and had a common bond in Girls Scouts. Mom is currently in Louisiana on a mission trip and regrets not being able to be there today.

And I loved the family photo of the one with little Jesse is in the red jacket. That photo must have been in the den where we spent a lot of time. I remember all the fun times in the kitchen, where big Jesse might be cooking something and or great laughs with Georgia and the Leeds kids.

I bet there are several like me that would say I don't know a family that I felt closer to than the Leeds. Thanks Georgia, for helping to make that happen.

Love you guys!

Mark Wilkerson



Mark Wilkerson - July 12, 2011 at 01:23 PM

JR

Thank you Mark for your kind words about mom and our family! Our mother cherished her friendship with your mom and the bond they had with girl scouts. I agree, there were fun times at the house when we were growing up but wouldn't have been made possible without close friends like you there with us!

Love always!

Jan, Jesse, Leslie & Eydie

Jan Leeds Ross - July 14, 2011 at 07:40 PM

MD

“*Georgia's children are all friends of mine since high school but I unfortunately didn't meet her until about 10 years ago. I always enjoyed talking with her. She always had a smile and good disposition. Whenever I pulled up to the corner of Irving and Horn, I'd look for her in the yard so I'd have an excuse to stop and say hi. I suppose it will take a while for me to get used to not looking for her. I remember one occasion when I saw her outside, she was working on her riding mower. I stopped and offered my assistance and together we got it running. I'll miss you Georgia.*

Mark Draughon

Mark Draughon - July 12, 2011 at 11:04 AM

JR

Thanks you Mark for the nice comments about mom, and for helping her with that stupid mower, it always seemed to break down on her! We'll miss her too!

Love,

Jan, Jesse, Leslie & Eydie

Jan Leeds Ross - July 14, 2011 at 07:52 PM

MS

“ I taught with Georgia Leeds at West Junior High. We survived our first year at that school by sharing our classroom experiences with each other. Georgia went on to become a lifetime friend. I love her and will miss her so much. Marilyn Seber

marilyn Seber - July 12, 2011 at 08:04 AM

PM

“ "My favorite memories of Ms. Georgia was Girl Scouts, never a dull moment we to were loaded into the blue station wagon and taken to the cemetery at night. We all got out and the blue wagon peeled out and left us with Georgia cackling all the way down the road. We screamed for all we were worth til Georgia pulled up and we all loaded back up with great relief. Edyie, Jesse, Jan and Leslie all my life I have smiled when I have thought of your mom. Love you all, Patti Meyer-Gattis

Patti Meyer-Gattis - July 11, 2011 at 07:37 PM

JR

Thanks Patti for sharing your memories of mom, she loved you! I'll never forget those times, great fun was had by all. Love always, Jan

Jan Leeds Ross - July 14, 2011 at 07:27 PM

BM

“ Mrs. Leeds was my History teacher at MHS in 1983. She was one of my favorite teachers. My Senior year was a little tough with losing my father, but she was there with a big ear and a strong hug. I'm very thankful for Mr. and Mrs. Leeds and the support they gave to my family through the years; Mr. Leeds as my father's attorney and Mrs. Leeds as the best teacher I could have had. May her family know how much she was loved and how much of an imprint she left on this former student.

Barry Marlow
Jenks, OK

Barry Marlow - July 11, 2011 at 02:56 PM

JP

“ Aunt Georgia
I will always remember the times we had to hide under your bed when a tornado was coming. You would just push us all under the bed. I remember I tried to look out one time and you pushed my head back down. You told me the tornado was coming and I needed to be under the bed to be safe. I dont know who was more afraid me or you. It was always fun and exciting. Then of course those dogs you and Uncle Jesse had.

Love to Edyie, Juno, Jan and Leslie

Janet (Gideo) Putrah

Janet (Gideo) Putrah - July 11, 2011 at 12:10 PM

DN

“ One of my favorite memories of Georgia is when she loaded us (Eydie and about 6 other girls) in the family station wagon (circa 1970) and would drive us around town through Honor Heights Park. We giggled and laughed and sang, and Georgia loved every minute of it. I'm sure the Leeds kids have many memories just like this one to cherish forever. Love to you all.

Donna Neel - July 11, 2011 at 09:26 AM