



Ms. Edna L. Young

October 11, 1923 - January 14, 2014

Ms. Edna L. Young was born in Painter, Virginia and was the first of five children born to the late Charles, Sr. and Mary Rogers Young.

She was educated in the New York City Public Schools, and graduated from Hampton University in the Class of 1947. She moved to Columbia, SC and taught at Waverly Elementary School for forty years. During her forty years of teaching, she earned a Masters Degree in Education at New York University. She continued her career as an early childhood educator until her retirement. She was a dedicated member of numerous professional associations including: National Teachers Association, SC Teachers Association, and the SC Retirement System. Edna was founder of the “Just Say No Club” at Hyatt Park Elementary School.

She mentored teachers and loved her profession. Edna was a lifelong member of Bethel AME Church, where she served faithfully in many capacities including: Choir Member, Finance Secretary, and Sunday School Teacher.

She was a Golden Soror of fifty-five years in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and served as past president and held various positions in Chapter Gamma Nu Omega Sorority. She was one of the persons responsible for the establishment of an AKA Chapter Theta Gamma at the University of South Carolina, where she recently honored. She was a member of the Hampton

University Alumni Association. Edna was also a member and past president of the National Association of University Women.

In her spare time, she enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of several bridge clubs, and loved her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two sisters: Bernice Steele and Jane Manual; and one brother, Charles Young, Jr.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, her devoted brother and sister-in-law, Mr. George (Carrie) Young of Charlotte, NC; Mr. Bernard Young (nephew) of Newark, NJ, Dr. Paula Young (niece) of Roosevelt, NY, Mrs. Karen (Kurt) Lane (niece) of Bear, Delaware, Mr. Carlton Young (nephew), Middletown, Delaware, Ms. Tonya Young (grandniece) of Newark, NJ, Mr. Chad Young (grandnephew) of Newark, NJ, Ms. Kendall Lane (grandniece) of Bear, Delaware, Ms. Kayla Lane (grandniece) of Bear, Delaware, Mr. Charles Young (grandnephew) of Middletown, Delaware, Mr. Mikhi Young (great grandnephew) of Newark, NJ and Mr. Nasir Young (great grandnephew) of Newark, NJ; a favorite cousin, Mary Coston of Philadelphia, PA; special friend, Mrs. Lillie James of Columbia; SC and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will be held 12 noon Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at Bethel AME Church, with interment to follow in The Elmwood Cemetery 501 Elmwood Avenue, Columbia, SC. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

The family request that condolences and memorials be made on their web page @www.palmermemorialchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

501 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 252-2133

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Edna L. Young*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Ms. Young was my second grade teacher and my favorite. She was such a beautiful spirit. My God continue to bless her family now and forever.*

Juan Robinson - January 26, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Young family. Ms Young inspired many with her soft and beautiful demeanor. Her gift of mentoring and sponsoring young ladies through the Young University Women Program will continue to impact the world. My family and I are thankful and blessed to have known Ms. Young. The Nash Family*



Katie Nash - January 22, 2014 at 09:10 AM



“ *To the family of Ms. Young: May the Lord Bless you as you reflect upon the many years of happiness spent with Ms. Edna Young. A loving, kindhearted and caring lady who touched the lives of a lot of people!*

I will always remember the smile that she always shared with individuals and the kind words she shared. I am very thankful for the years spent with her as a part of Gamma Nu Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Willie Mae Moses, Buford, GA

Willie Mae Moses - January 21, 2014 at 07:29 PM

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“*Ms. Edna Young was my second grade teacher at Waverley School, back in 1952. She was always a wonderfully calm, organized, and caring teacher who imparted to us, her students, a sense of well-being and emotional security while at the same time meticulously arming us with the strong educational foundations in reading, math, language, and critical thinking that we would need to carry us through life.*

I remember especially the sense of mystery, invitation and excitement that Ms. Young generated in our reading classes, and the skillful manner in which she balanced "understanding the story" with "mastering the mechanics" of reading.

Many years later both as a college professor and as a professional writer, I have often drawn from the knowledge and the understanding that Ms. Young helped to build and nourish in my mind and my heart.

I will be eternally grateful to her for her kind and positive impact on my life, and, by extension, on the lives of countless others. She was truly one of the best.

*Ulysses H. Chambers
Waverly Elementary School (1951-1956)*

Ulysses H.Chambers - January 21, 2014 at 11:05 AM

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“ Miss Young was one of the first Sorors that I met when I moved to Columbia over 30 years ago. The meeting was probably at a Hampton Alumni meeting where Miss Young and Mrs. Lybrand always attended together faithfully. I also taught school in Richland One, so Miss Young and I had a lot in common. We shared a love for AKA, Hampton and the children that we taught. She will be missed. My husband Robert (a Hampton graduate also) and I send our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Miss Edna Young.

*Lil Eaves
Robert Eaves*

Lil Eaves - January 20, 2014 at 09:51 PM

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“ I have always loved Miss Young. She was my second grade teacher in 1963, when we received word that President Kennedy had been shot, and then that he was dead. She lead us through that tragic day in history 50 years ago. Because she was a Hamptonian, and so was my dad, Miss Young was always a constant in my youth. She always encouraged and advised as I too attended Hampton and then even when my daughter followed at Hampton. Miss Young served faithfully as the Treasurer for the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) chapter and subsequently the Mid-South Carolina chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc. for over 50 years. She loved Hampton and always served Hampton. She was a wonderful Teacher and she will be missed. May God reward her.

Teresa Moore Mutakabbir - January 20, 2014 at 05:48 PM

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“ So many are standing on the shoulders of this marvelously poised, focused, friendly, precise, and patient teacher; who made sure we all mastered the reading, writing, spelling, and phonetics fundamentals. We 1st graders looked up to Ms. Young and hung on her every word. Eventually, we'd grasp those "hard c" vs. "soft c" sounds as well as the way so-called big words often embed one or more smaller words--and settle into, not just recognizing a letter or word here or there, but reading patterns, codes, whole pages, stories, and books. We can't thank our teachers enough. I couldn't have gotten through college, graduate school, and many a Scrabble game without their persistent love and work.

Thomas A. Gordon, Ph.D. (Waverly, 1st Grade Student of Ms. Young)

Thomas A. Gordon - January 17, 2014 at 10:20 PM

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She was a marvelous lady and a great teacher. Hope all is well with you. Ulysses

Ulysses H.Chambers - January 21, 2014 at 11:13 AM