



Ila Trene Andres Harwood

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I la Trene Andrews Harwood passed away on Monday, July 28, 2008, after an extended illness with Alzheimer's disease. She was born on May 10th, 1930, to Mary and James Andrews, in Cecil, Arkansas.

Ila attended Ozark public schools, graduated from Ozark High School, and attended Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. She married Ray Eugene "Gene" Harwood, on February 2, 1950. Together they lived in Fort Smith and made permanent residence in Hot Springs. She lived the past 4 years in Fayetteville, AR

Beginning in 1965, Ila taught kindergarten and eventually retired in 1996 as the Headmistress of St. Luke's Episcopal Day School of Hot Springs. She attended First United Methodist Church of Hot Springs and was active in her Sunday School class and served on many of that church's boards and committees. She also volunteered for and served on the board of directors of the Hot Springs YWCA. She was a member of Criterion and enjoyed part-time work at the Arlington Gown Shop where she was able to indulge her love of people and for fashion. She was known as an adoring spouse and homemaker, a loving mother, a wonderful mother-in-law, and a caring friend to many.

Ila is survived by her daughter, Melissa Harwood-Rom of Fayetteville, and son-in-law Curt R. Rom, and her two loved granddaughters, Zoë Harwood and Clio Grace Rom; two brothers Kendrick Andrews and George Andrews, their spouses, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Gene.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 PM Thursday, July 31, 2008 at First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, AR. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials in Ila's honor may be made to First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas.



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Visitation Date Time None Visitation Location Service Date Time Thursday, July 31, 2008 1:00 PM Service Location First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, AR



JA

Judy Johnson (Acquaintance) posted:

We lived in Hot Springs from 1972-79 and during that time both of our children were so fortunate to begin their school careers with Ila Harwood. She was an excellent teacher but, more than that, she knew how to nurture little people so that they were not only skilled but also confident when they entered first grade. Our two have gone on to successful careers in landscaping and journalism, however, it all began when they were five years old. What a blessing Ms. Harwood was! Judy and Skip Johnson

August 30 at 9:02 AM

CS

Charlie & Frances Segó posted:

Melissa, The sadness you feel at this time is shared by our family. We lift up prayers for peace and comfort to the One who can provide both on behalf of your family. Charlie & Frances

August 30 at 9:02 AM

MA

Martien Carroll, Ph.D. (Acquaintance) posted:

I want you, Melissa and your family to know that Ila was one of the most dedicated persons that I have ever met. I worked with Gene and Ila both at the Rehab Center and through St. Lukes. She was a tribute to her work and contribution to this community. My wife and I learned to play MaJong early in our years to Hot Springs on the Rehab compound. Your dad helped me in becoming a consultant to the Center and I will always be grateful. They were role models and both stood head and shoulders above the rest. It was a privilege to know both of them. May God grant you peace in knowing that they both served the Great Master, Jesus.

August 30 at 9:02 AM

HF

Herman & Peggie Homishak (Friend) posted:

Working with Gene for over 20 years and visiting with Ila numerous times was a pleasure. Ila never met a stranger and her positive attitude toward life and people was contagious.

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JF

Jim And Dean Atchley (Close Friend) posted:

With fond memories.

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EF

Ellen And Larry Bracken (Friend) posted:

Not only were Ila and Gene good friends, but she was Quentin Bracken's (our son) teacher at St. Lukes. We miss them both.

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CN

Carroll And Pat Bridges (Former Neighbors) posted:

Ila was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Before Alzheimer's claimed her mind she loved to tell us about her granddaughters. She was so proud of them - as was Gene. We miss both of them. Ila taught Laura many years ago at St. Luke's - she had so much patience. I always looked up to both of your parents.

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AF

Ann & Ted Carrithers (Friend) posted:

We cherish the good memories of times together, especially our trip to Turkey, Texas.

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FL

Fannie Camp Linn posted:

Gene,I remember you from college. I am sorry to hear about the death of your wife.Thinking of you.Sincerely,Fannie Camp Linn

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RF

Randy Cale (Friend) posted:

Melissa,Sorry to hear about your Mom. I'm out of town, but will try to visit with you in a week or two. Hang in there.

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AS

Amber Shirey posted:

Melissa,You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.amber

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LC

Lynda Molton (Cousin) posted:

I remember Ila when I was young, I thought she was so beautiful. Ila was my dad's first cousin. My dad was the late Billy Hall Andrews. I remember many Homecomings she attended at the Cecil Homecoming and Decoration Day festivities. I have a wonderful picture of Ila, Kendrick and George standing at the Cecil Cemetery, not to long before she became ill. If you would like a copy, please feel free to email me. I would love to talk to you. I extend my deepest sympathy to you Melissa and family. I know you loved her so much and she will truly be missed. God bless you all. Lynda

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HA

Harold D. Mays (Acquaintance) posted:

Mellisa, We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your faith give you strength and comfort at this difficult time. Paula and Harold

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ila by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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