



Laura Marie McCrary Garnett

July 27, 1939 - January 8, 2021

This is the story of Laura Marie Garnett. Laura's story began July 27, 1939 as Laura Marie McCrary. Laura was an only child to William J. and Myrtle A. McCrary. She lost an older brother and an older sister when they were infants. Laura was left to be extremely spoiled as an only child by a wonderful Christian daddy and mother. But what was given in abundance was the knowledge of the gospel. Her father was the greatest influence of her spiritual life. She grew in church and developed a love of music, becoming a very talented pianist. After being double promoted in elementary school, Laura went away to Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, TX at the age of 16. This is where she met the love of her life, Chester J (Cy). They were married December 26, 1960. Two daughters arrived a few years later, and then a son. Laura and her family moved to and from many military bases across the United States and even to Ludwigsburg, Germany. Laura continued her education and obtained an MBA in elementary education. She began a teaching career that spanned 35 years and eventually retired from Corner Elementary School in Warrior, Alabama where the family eventually settled. She became a single mother of three small children while her husband fought in combat in Vietnam. During his tour of duty, Laura perfected the red felt tip pen as she graded paper after paper of penmanship and correcting grammatical errors. The loss of cursive writing has been mourned by her for years! Laura was known for rescuing animals and beautiful human souls that needed a mother's love. Laura cared for her parent's until their death. She

spent the first years of retirement traveling to China with ELIC where she educated Chinese students in conversational English. This is where her love of missions flourished. Mt. Zion Baptist Church is where she called home and where she remained active until her death.

She is preceded in death by her father William J. McCrary, her mother Myrtle A. McCrary, her sister Mary Elizabeth McCrary, brother William J. McCrary, Jr, her son, William B. Garnett. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Chester John Garnett; Daughter D'Lesa Lyn Yates (Doug), Michele Weathers (Michael), 'adopted' son Mitch Blackmon, and 'adopted' daughter Carolyn Williams; grandchildren: Colby Carroll (Jessa); Brantley Wilson; Braddock Wilson (Cortani); Brooke Joseph (Austin); Parker Stone Weathers and Liam Jasper Arrington. Great Grandchildren: Judith Blaike Wilson, Jameson Braddock Wilson, Brielle Hartley Carroll.

Services will be held at New Horizon Memorial Gardens for immediate family only due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you nurture Laura's love of missions by donating to:

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A special memorial is being formed in her memory for her devotion to missions.

Pall bearers: Michael Weathers, Doug Yates, Braddock Wilson, Colby Carroll, Mitch Blackmon, Stone Weathers, Austin Joseph.

Cemetery Details

New Horizon Memorial Gardens

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.
Dora, AL 35062
(205) 648-8749
<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Marie McCrary Garnett*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *When I was in your six grade class, I remember her farther came to her room. Another teacher was talking to her and when he left , the teacher said her father look so tired. Mrs. Garnet said he had been up all night helping her grandmother who was 97. I can remembering thinking she will have a long life. I saw her later about 4 years ago and share some memories and we laugh- I told her about the grandmother memory and said maybe you live that long, she smile big and said I hope not, that is too long. She really was a crafty teacher, with a quick come back. I asked her why we did not read in a reading book, in the 4th grade she said , that was boring. We are going to learn so much more by doing . We also had book reports to do and you could not fool her. I just move to Corner when I in enter the 4th grade it so different from the school I was from.(She was in a small trailer out back of the school) She did make a change better . I learned that I could joke with her. I asked one day there so many people her that are kin I don't to get see my kin until a holiday. She laugh. She always got on the me about my hand writing . I told her that I had ok handing writing for a average student. She laugh! She made parts of the world come to alive ,with her projector, and films. When I saw her later in life , I told her I felt like she thought I was not smart. She replied she said you were very smart you wanted to learn. She had a nice family. I cherish the memories of her teaching and love of life. You cover many chapters in your life. Rest well in heaven, until we all meet again. WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE. Class of 82, David F Green*

David F Green - February 13, 2021 at 06:13 PM

LH

“*Laura, a precious, godly lady, always greeted me at church with open arms and a big smile like a ray of sunshine, and a sweet “I love you.” I love her dearly and will miss her so very much.*

Lera Hughes - January 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM

JR

“*I was fortunate to have several great teachers during my time at Corner, and Mrs Garnett was one of the best. I remember her hiding her pencil in her hair, then tapping her head as she searched for it. I remember making Mummies, and my Mom still has the glass jars of multi colored sand we made in her class. Seems like she used to tell us she was going to nail our fannies to the seats, or something to that effect, when we were being rowdy.*

Jonathan Rutland - January 13, 2021 at 09:32 PM

VT

“*Me and Mrs. Laura had the same birthday July 27th, she would always bring me a sweet gift from china. I have so many beautiful things that she gave me. I remember her sitting 4 or 5 rows on front of me and my family in church and learning missions from her in G.A.'s and VBS. I always loved seeing Mrs. Laura and Mr. Cy at church and getting hugs from them! She will be greatly missed and I loved her very much!❤️*



Victoria Tolbert - January 12, 2021 at 03:08 PM

AS

“ Mrs garnett u will be greatly missed u were a great teacher & many many memories we have of u u touched so many lives over the many years u taught we love & miss u from ms annie sloan michael brian dennis richard sloan. Dennis class of 94 annie class of 95

Annie sloan - January 12, 2021 at 05:00 AM

SB

“ Laura - my teaching buddy across the hall for 21 years. We taught each other's children and retired the same year from Corner Elem. Her retirement took her on journeys to China teaching English still. She had never-ending energy and devotion. I could always look to Laura for wisdom and wit. My sons loved her as did all of her students, and her pet names for them still linger in my mind. A life well-lived and loved and much missed.

Sherry Beazley - January 11, 2021 at 08:17 PM

SF

“ I was one of the souls she helped. The whole family took me in as one of their own! I got saved and baptized at My. Zion! Mom was an amazing human and was such a blessing to everyone!



stacey forsyth - January 11, 2021 at 02:45 PM

SG

“ My sweet Aunt Laura was one of a kind and a blessing. I only got to know her later on in life, but so adored her the first time I met her as an adult. She was such an asset in the education field and the missionary field for many years. I will truly miss you Aunt Laura, and love you with all my heart. Sandy Godfrey (Garnett).

Sandy Godfrey - January 11, 2021 at 02:15 PM

JM

“ My heart is so sad. I will miss my dear friend of 45 years. Thank you for always being there for me. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. I feel blessed to have called you my friend.

Our time together in the classroom when I was your assistant, wow, those memories have given me tremendous joy over the years. We have shared much love and laughter - - always laughing with and at each other. You were one of my rocks in life, Laura, and I love you. Rest well until we meet again.

D'Lesia, Missy, Cy and family, I am so very sorry for your precious loss. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

*God give comfort to you all,
Jenni*



Jen Marcum - January 11, 2021 at 01:53 PM

SM

“*Laura was the sweetest, most loving person I’ve ever known. She loved everyone. She & Cy were both a pillar in the community and she will certainly be remembered by so many who loved. She was very special to me & I’ll always remember her. I’m going to miss her so much!*”



Sandra Mullins - January 11, 2021 at 01:46 PM

VC

“*Mrs. Garnett has an impact on so many lives and definitely mine. Those lessons all those years ago at Corner School in the way of formal education pale in comparison to what I’ve gleaned from her love of Christ and people. I still think of her very often and will continue to do so. I see her beautiful smile denoting a even more beautiful soul. And, I see her extraordinary handwriting - yes, always in cursive. And, when mine is lacking in form and space, I think if her. But, one of my most vivid memories, which I’ve shared with her more than once, is when she had us learn to spell an unusual word. And, I remember how to this day. I can still see it written atop the blackboard in a makeshift trailer classroom in the school yard. When I heard of her reward - hers passing from this terrible world into Heaven, I immediately thought of that word bc I believe it describes her entering into the presence of our Lord. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Amen 🧡🙏🧡*”

supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
adj. A word from the Disney film production of the book *Mary Poppins* describing any quality that is so indescribable that you have no real word to say it with

Vicki Otts Chappell - January 11, 2021 at 12:05 PM

DC

“ From the time I met her, Laura bugged me to go to China with her. I spent five wonderful summers with her in China, teaching English and spreading the word of God when we could. She was loved by her Chinese students. She was loved by me as she pulled me into her world to love our Chinese students. Rest In Peace, sweet friend.

Donna Carr - January 11, 2021 at 11:57 AM

LP

“ Lori & Alan Parker lit a candle in memory of Laura Marie McCrary Garnett



Lori & Alan Parker - January 10, 2021 at 03:58 PM

RP

Sister Garnett, such a precious Christian lady.
I shall truly miss her in this life. We shall meet again to praise the Lord eternally.
Her life was a testimony for Christ Jesus.
Love for the Lord, her family and everyone is what I will remember.
Our continued prayers for the family.

Randall & Brenda Phillips - January 11, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JJ

“ Mrs. Garrett was an Elementary Educator when I graduated from Corner in 1978, but even then the word was she was MORE than excellent at her job. I'm sorry I didn't get to know her, and I wish comfort to her family.

Jim Johnson - January 10, 2021 at 02:19 PM