



Gayle B. Whetzel

April 27, 1919 - October 23, 2016

Gayle B. Whetzel, age 97, formerly of Nokesville, VA, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2016 in Stanardsville, VA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wade Hampton Whetzel, her parents, Luther and Cora Bowman and her sisters: Hazel Bowman Shepherd and Marian Allphin.

She is survived by her son: Wade H. Whetzel, Jr. and Carole, of Radiant, VA; her grandchildren: Jeff and Gina Whetzel, of Stafford, VA, Paul and Tina Whetzel of Ravenel, SC and Andrew and Lauren Whetzel of North Charleston, SC; her great granddaughter: Augustina Whetzel; and by many nieces, nephews and cousins of the Whetzel, Bowman, Albrite and Snyder families.

Gayle is a member of the Manassas Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Mary Washington College and George Mason University; and was a devoted teacher for 45 years. Gayle traveled extensively, was an avid collector and greatly impacted the lives of those who were blessed to know her.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. A private family graveside service will be held at Stonewall Memory Gardens,

Manassas, VA. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or you may donate to a charity of your choice in loving memory of Gayle Whetzel.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Family to receive friends

OCT **28**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Tribute Wall

SD

“ *My mother Stena Morris taught for many years with Gale Whetzel. She held her in great regard as a friend and as a teacher. Condolences to the family.*
--Sharon Morris Deppe & family

Sharon Morris Deppe - October 29, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gayle B. Whetzel.*



October 27, 2016 at 03:12 PM

PF

“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss. The loss of a loved one grieves the heart and words are never enough to take away the pain. However, our Heavenly Father knows your grief. As a loving and caring Father, He will be there to comfort and sooth your "broken-heart and crushed spirit". (Psalm 34:18). May you find comfort and hope in God's promise of a day when you will reunite with your loved one again. (Isaiah 26:19). My sincere condolences to the family.*

pfl - October 26, 2016 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ I was fortunate to have "Mrs. Whetzel" (and that was always be in my mind) for both first and second grade. She instilled study habits that continued throughout my scholastic years. Even outside the classroom she was still teaching. I can remember sitting next to her in church and she helped this 8 year old with the words of the hymn being sung. Her long career included teaching our son, Michael, in the third grade. Our prayers go out to her family and we will never forget her.

Marlyn (Yankey) McClure

Marlyn V. McClure - October 25, 2016 at 10:49 PM

WW

Thank you Marlyn for sharing those great memories. She was so proud to have taught several generations of families in Nokesville..

Wade Whetzel - October 26, 2016 at 06:40 AM

PG

“ Mrs. Whetzel was my third grade teacher and I thought the world of her and her beautiful handwriting. She was so such a beautiful soul. Third grade was many years ago but she made it so memorable and fun. Sincere sympathy to the family. God Bless.
Penny (Smith) Gajan

penny smith gajan - October 25, 2016 at 06:56 PM

WW

Thank you Penny for sharing your memories of Mom.

Wade Whetzel - October 25, 2016 at 07:08 PM

NS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. The Albright family from Mathias have many fond memories of Gail, the whole Bowman family and reunions at the park.

Nancy (Albright) and Larry Swisher

Nancy Swisher - October 25, 2016 at 05:02 PM

WW

Thank you Nancy and Larry from the whole Whetzel family.

Wade Whetzel - October 25, 2016 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ Mrs. Whetzel--it's been over 60 years since she was my 2nd grade teacher--yet, I cannot call her Gayle because it just doesn't show her the respect I feel for her. She was one of my all time favorite teachers. She made learning interesting. I always looked forward to going to school when I had her as my teacher. Even after second grade, when I would meet her in the hall, she had that warm smile and cheery greeting. I had the pleasure of becoming reacquainted with her when she lived at the Fairmont in Manassas where my mother lived. They renewed their friendship and when she moved, they kept up the old-fashioned way--by writing letters. I enjoyed reading her letters to my mother. She will always have a warm spot in my heart. I know there are hundreds of her students who feel the same way. My condolences are with you in this time of sorrow--but I know you have much to celebrate and cherish about her life.

Jerry Hopkins - October 25, 2016 at 11:04 AM

WW

Thank you Jerry for sharing your memories with the family. She sincerely considered all her former students to be her "kids".

Wade Whetzel - October 25, 2016 at 12:16 PM

BB

“ *Betty Caton Bolt lit a candle in memory of Gayle B. Whetzel*



Betty Caton Bolt - October 25, 2016 at 08:51 AM

WW

Thank you Betty.

Wade Whetzel - October 25, 2016 at 01:44 PM

CS

“ *So sorry..I had her in 2nd grade My dad had her also. But, growing up in Nokesville I knew her has a person. She was a sweet lady.RIP*

Cindy Jones Stevens - October 25, 2016 at 03:17 AM

WW

Thank you Cindy for sharing your memories. She certainly loved her students and was so proud to have been part of so many children's childhood memories.

Wade Whetzel - October 25, 2016 at 06:40 AM

MP

“ Last Monday Gayle and I sat and had a very nice visit at her new home. I am so thankful for those final moments. We met in the early 80s when we were both teaching at Nokesville Elementary and have been friends ever since. Gayle shared last week that she was ready to go. When I questioned her about this she said, "No, really! I am 97 years old!"

I regret that I will be out of town on Friday evening for a family wedding and therefore will not be able to meet her family I have heard so much about over the years. She loved you each dearly and always enjoyed your visits.

Gayle has touched the lives of many and I will greatly miss her. My thoughts will be with you as you celebrate the life of a very special lady.

Mary Jane Pumphrey -Manassas

Mary Jane Pumphrey - October 24, 2016 at 09:14 PM

WW

Thank you Mary Jane. She was very fond of you and spoke of you often. So thankful she was able to visit with you and yes, she was a very special lady.

Wade Whetzel - October 25, 2016 at 06:37 AM

LC

My dear Wade and family. It has been many years since our paths have crossed. I send my love and sympathy to you, Carole and your entire family. Did not know of the loss of your mother until this afternoon (Saturday). I have loving thoughts of her as I enjoy many of my antiques I purchased from her shop. God Bless your entire family. LIL CROPP and family

Lil Cropp - October 29, 2016 at 09:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gayle B. Whetzel.*



October 24, 2016 at 07:13 PM



“ *The DaVita Biomed Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gayle B. Whetzel.*



The DaVita Biomed Team - October 24, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayle B. Whetzel.*



October 24, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *HendersonElmer & Carolyn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gayle B. Whetzel.*



HendersonElmer & Carolyn - October 24, 2016 at 06:49 PM

EY

“ Mrs. Whetzel was my second grade teacher. My first grade teacher became ill before the first semester ended and we finished that year with a succession of substitute teachers. As a result, I began second grade unable to read or to count. Mrs. Whetzel taught me everything I should have learned in first grade and had me well-prepared to enter third grade and successfully complete my public school education. She was one of my favorite teachers and I was proud to count her and her husband among my friends when she retired from teaching and operated their antique shop in Nokesville. Wade, please accept my deepest sympathy and know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Elaine Yankey

Elaine Yankey - October 24, 2016 at 03:56 PM

WW

Thank you Elaine for sharing your memories about my Mom.

Wade Whetzel - October 24, 2016 at 04:53 PM

BF

Gayle took care of me my first year teaching at Nokesville Elementary. She was a great mentor and a dear person. She was always ready to help you with a problem.

Betty Holland Fitzgerald - October 24, 2016 at 08:39 PM

SH

Wade, we were so sorry to hear about your mother. Of course, like so many others, she was my second grade teacher, but we also knew her and your father throughout the years as simply your parents. We have moved out of the area but will try to come to Manassas tomorrow night.

Shirley and Robert Hawkins

Shirley Hawkins - October 27, 2016 at 05:27 PM