



Kathryn Hamilton

November 7, 1920 - April 29, 2016

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A light that helped reveal life paths for many West Texas students through 54 years of teaching went out with the death of Mary Kathryn Hamilton on Friday, April 29, 2016. Born November 7, 1920, the Jayton native received her Bachelor degree in English from McMurry University following a Master of Library Science from East Texas State. She began a teaching career with her husband Tom that took the family to Jayton, Hale Center, Post, Paducah, Olton, Roaring Springs, and 39 years at Friendship High School. You are invited to celebrate her life at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 50th and Bangor in Lubbock. Burial will follow at the Jayton Cemetery in Jayton, Texas, where our family and friends are invited to join us. Kathryn is survived by 4 children, Richard, Kathy, David, and Kent; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Jay.

Cemetery Details

Jayton Cemetery

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **30**. 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Matthew United Methodist Church
5320 50th Street
Lubbock, TX 79414

Tribute Wall



“ I had the pleasure to be FHS first exchangestudent and was by mistake put i her English class, I learn the hard way that English is not only a language you speak. We did not allways agree but I have no doubt she was one of a kind. Remember an essay we was told to write in six pages, I turned in six lines and got my first F. I do though think of her from time to time when I teach my students.....
Rest in peace

Per Thomsen - May 06, 2016 at 02:07 AM



“ She was one of three educators that defined me! She always was. Not the greatest director BUT the best English teacher unflinching in her appraisal. I loved her and miss her.

Kyle Karpe - May 05, 2016 at 04:48 AM

CB

“ Mrs. Hamilton introduced me to some great literature. She had a dry sense of humor that I enjoyed very much. She was a great teacher and a mentor in a way. Cindy Wheeler-Becker, music educator

Cindy Becker - May 02, 2016 at 07:42 PM

HH

“ Thank you, Mrs. Hamilton for pushing me to be the best I could be. You were tough and always expected us to put forth our best effort. I hope my students appreciate me one day like I appreciate you. Prayers for your family. You'll be missed.

Holly Potts Hefflinger - May 01, 2016 at 09:23 PM

MT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Hamilton's family. She was such an amazing teacher. Tough and challenged us to be the best we could. She was one of the teachers that inspired me to become an educator.

Melissa Thrash - April 30, 2016 at 03:16 PM

TA

“ I am a teacher now of ELA because of Mrs. Hamilton.....tough lady!!! But we were all better for it! My condolences to her family--but her legacy of students--that is forever!

tina campagnone arceneaux - April 30, 2016 at 03:05 PM

LE

“ I am so thankful that Ms. Hamilton was my teacher for senior English as well as for four years of drama. Those all-essay exams were tough but I'm glad I had a teacher who taught students how to write. She was a great teacher who made a difference. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Laura Carsten Eichhorn - April 30, 2016 at 12:56 PM

LB

She inspired her students while demanding the very best. She had a great sense of humor, but could be tough. She wanted you to succeed, and you wanted to work. As a teacher of a mere 8 years, I consider her one of the greats. Thank you, Mrs Hamilton. Laurence Bell

Laurence Bell - April 30, 2016 at 04:52 PM

MF

“ I remember Mrs. Hamilton being a wonderful teacher. I was so nervous to have the legendary Mrs. Hamilton, but it turned out that she taught me a great deal, was firm but fair, and she helped me love English a little more. She was a wonderful educator that left an imprint on many lives.

Melissa Francis - April 30, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hamilton family. Know that Kathryn Hamilton touched the lives of many children. The love and support she provided each of us as her students is to be admired. I am confident Jesus welcomed you in heaven and said " I am well pleased with how you lived your life and served others".

Cindy Douglas - April 30, 2016 at 08:45 AM

BK

“ In 1997/98, the second semester of my junior year, we moved back to Wolfforth from Johnson City. And it was during this time at FHS that I encountered a sage of sorts, wise with experience and humor, a teacher, Mrs. Hamilton. She was my UiL OAP instructor. Only about 6 months was I at FHS before going back to the Hill Country to finish my senior year, but what an impression this lady made on me. Never forgotten.

Brock Kowalsky - April 30, 2016 at 08:11 AM

SK

“ We are assembled here today to pay final respects to our honored dead. And yet it should be noted, in the midst of our sorrow, this death takes place in the shadow of new life, the sunrise of a new world; a world that our beloved comrade gave her life to protect and nourish. She did not feel this sacrifice a vain or empty one, and we will not debate her profound wisdom at these proceedings. Of my friend, I can only say this: Of all the souls I have encountered in my travels, hers was the most.... human.

Scott Kohnhorst - April 30, 2016 at 12:30 AM

JG

“ I was so fortunate to have her for a teacher. (Class of 1985) My daughter, Jamie Sisson, (class of 2007) had her for a teacher, as well. So many of us have been blessed by her teachings. She has left a legacy. God bless her family with sweet memories.

Jana Garrett Gardner - April 29, 2016 at 11:53 PM

TB

“ Mrs. Hamilton helped me through my senior year. If it had not been for her I couldn't have made it through. Rest in peace Mrs. Hamilton, you will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Trisha Betts - April 29, 2016 at 11:40 PM

JH

“ Thank you so much for a life so very well lived Mrs. Hamilton.. You contributed to thousands of lives. You are a very special lady. I am grateful for your teaching and I have never forgotten you.
Jesse

Jesse Hilliard - April 29, 2016 at 11:17 PM

MC

“ *Marvin & Jackie White, WSC White Service Company purchased the Victorian Teacup Bouquet for the family of Kathryn Hamilton.*



Marvin & Jackie White, WSC White Service Company - April 29, 2016 at 05:41 PM

JD

“ *Our hearts are heavy at the loss of Mrs. H. She was like a second mother to me and led me to love literature, theater and life. I am forever changed because of her. Heaven gained a precious artistic soul this morning, and Mr. H welcomed her home. They are together--just as it was and just as it should be.*

*Our love to all
Jim and Diane Drake (FHS Class of 1982)
Snyder, Texas*

Jim Drake - April 29, 2016 at 01:18 PM