



Marjorie Hughes

January 26, 1923 - December 7, 2020

Mary Marjorie Hughes of Higginsville, MO, age 97, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, December 7, 2020. She was born on January 26, 1923 to William Eugene Johnson and Lela Kathryn (Hudspeth) Johnson in rural Independence, Missouri. She married William George “Bill” Hughes of Buckner, Missouri on December 28, 1944.

Marjorie graduated from Buckner High School in 1941 and from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1944. Marjorie began her teaching career in 1961 spending two years at Grand Pass and the rest of her career was spent in the Higginsville School system, retiring in 1989.

Marjorie was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church in Higginsville and received her 70 year membership pin recently. She was a past member of the Delta Kappa Gamma, MU Chapter, DAR, PEO, EK, 4-H leader, Red Hats and church circles.

She is survived by her four children, Martha Thoman of the home, Sharon and Tim Rinne of Higginsville, Vicki and Jean Hughes of Excelsior Springs, Ann and Jim Long, Osage Beach; seven grandchildren, Pam and Tim Benton, Scott and Kim Hughes, Melissa and Dr. Guy Kline, Stacy and Jason King, Kyle and Amy Rinne, Brett and Virginia Diaz de Leon-Rinne and Brent Thoman; twelve great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren; one sister, Hazel Hopkins, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill on May 28, 2000, and one brother, Russell Johnson.

A private, family graveside service will be held with the Rev. Terry Cook officiating at the Buckner Hills Cemetery in Buckner, Missouri and will be laid to rest beside her husband and her parents.

Casket bearers: Mark Johnson, Jack Hopkins, Scott Hughes, Kyle Rinne, Brett Rinne and Colton Hughes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Marjorie may be made to: American Legion Post 223 or Grace United Methodist Church and mailed to: c/o Martha Thoman 19464 Hwy FF Higginsville, MO 64037.

Cemetery Details

Buckner Hills Cemetery

1450 S. Buckner Tarsney Rd.
Buckner, MO 64016

Tribute Wall



“ *Marjorie Hughes*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Marjorie Hughes*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Marjorie Hughes*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Marjorie Hughes*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *Seventh grade...and the world changed at Grandview School. Mrs. Hughes was my first home room teacher. That made her special. But I soon discovered she was special anyway. Oh, Mrs. Hughes was strict. Also somehow understanding of young boy behaviors. She was compassionate, too. Equally important, she was an unparalleled educator. Just a few years ago it was a great pleasure to sit down with this amazing woman in her home and talk about the past, present and future. When I arrived, to no surprise really, Mrs. Hughes was reading National Geographic - on her iPad. Something tells me she could have continued teaching until the day she passed. In fact, she did. Thank you, Mrs. Hughes, for caring and sharing so much.*

Ed Schwitzky - December 27, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ *Mrs. Hughes was a kind, fair, and caring teacher. She taught me many life skills. I often credit Mrs. Hughes when instructing my own children in the kitchen. I know she had a positive impact on many lives.*

Valerie Clum - December 21, 2020 at 03:43 PM

MS

“ *Sorry for the loss of your mother. Mrs. Hughes was a very special and beautiful lady. She was always so kind, had a smile and spoke every time she saw you. Never saw her not dressed to the nines! Never will forget her smelling your gum before you even got it in your mouth. Could even call it by name, weather it be Juicyfruit, Doublemint, bubblegum etc... Fond memories of days long ago. Hoping your fond memories will help you through this sad time. Thinking of all of you. Mark & Vicky Smith*

Mark A Smith - December 09, 2020 at 12:34 PM

KG

“ *Mrs. Hughes was so kind and patient when teaching teenagers. I learned to use the sewing machine and make a nightgown among other things in her class. She was always dressed the best and very ladylike. Kristy Gash* 💕💕

kristy gash - December 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CL

“ Mrs. Hughes was a wonderful teacher, 4-H leader, hostess to bunking parties, and always ready to aide with any need which was occurring. I think back to a trail ride that had been planned which Bill had forgotten to tell her about. She rolled with it and it was a very successful day thanks to her quick actions. She was a very fair teacher. I always appreciated her smile. My sincere sympathy to all of her family. You have a strong place in my heart. I was pleased that my sister, Barbara Long Copenhaver had just told me how Marjorie was still on the farm enjoying life just a few weeks ago.
Connie Long
Retired Educator
Class of 1972

Connie Long - December 08, 2020 at 11:41 PM

 Marie Robinson

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a sweet person. Always said hi and a smile when I saw her. Enjoyed her as a teacher.

Marie Robinson - December 08, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful person. My prayers will be with you during this time.

Janet Schloman Erdman

Janet Erdman - December 08, 2020 at 10:56 PM

MT

“ *What a wonderful woman, mother, wife, teacher, and friend Margie was! I always enjoyed visiting with her and hearing her stories. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family as you celebrate her long answer wonderful life! She was so proud of you all and family was her greatest joy.*

Marla Tobin, MD

Marla Tobin - December 08, 2020 at 10:33 PM

BS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. She was such a lovely person and I always enjoyed our conversations when we would meet in town.*

Brenda Schneider - December 08, 2020 at 10:11 PM

JU

“ *We are so sorry for your families loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*



Jim & Cathy Urfer - December 08, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JK

So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful life she lived enjoying every minute!

Jeff & Peggy Kappelman - December 08, 2020 at 09:59 PM

CL

Representing the Green family who lived next door to the Hughes's for so many years, we were deeply saddened to learn of Margie's transition into Glory. Not that she went to Glory, but that she left here! There are nothing but fond memories as she was my teacher, neighbor, friend, and an all around beautiful woman. In her later years, as she aged, she reminded me of the TV star wife, "June Cleaver", every hair in place and dressed always. I could call her at any time and she would be able to give me a recipe for whatever I was trying to bake or cook within minutes. She taught me how to properly make up a bed with "miter" corners, or whatever that is or however it got it's name and I do it to this day and smile each time I make up my bed. I had a terrible time to remember to call her "Mrs. Hughes" in the class room as I only knew her as "Margie" outside of class as we lived next door. Our gardens were right next to each other, separated by only a make shift fence. And no, she never gave me special privileges cause I lived next door, in fact she probably held me to a higher standard. I don't believe I ever got any "E's" in her class! She didn't give grades, you earned them. I remember the horses that she and Bill had, the "salty" water and the party line phone. It was years before my family had a phone, but they always shared theirs with us.

Marjorie Hughes will be truly missed as they don't make them like her anymore. She loved everybody, the lovely kids, and the not so lovely. That's what I remember most about Margie. Sincerely, Charlotte Green(Charlotte Ann/Shorty)

Charlotte Lane - December 10, 2020 at 10:38 PM