

MOUNTAIN GLEN









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Nita Hudson



Nell Hudson

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Ceres Lady Has Packed Glorious Career In Her 93 Years Of Living

EDITOR'S NOTE: In honor of her dedication to the field of education and the many years spent teaching, the Bland County Retired Teacher's Association salutes Miss Margie Juanita Hudson in this article.

A gracious lady, student, teacher, principal, church worker, hostess, community spirited and a willing hand wherever she is! That's our "Miss Nita." She has graciously accepted the responsibility and all of the work with any and all of these positions.

Miss Hudson was born in Bland County, March 25, 1890. Her father, John Morrison Hudson, farmer and teacher was a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg in the very early years of its history. Her mother, Florence Repass Hudson was educated under a governess in the home and in the Wythe County public schools. She was a lady of dignity, interested in others, truly a home-maker, having mastered the culinary art, serving to guests and friends at her maternal home "Mountain Glen" which also served the community as a social center. Miss Nita had three sisters, the late Frankie Edith, Gay Peery Hudson Adair, and Miss Nell who is a retired teacher.

Her family is a very old distinguished family of Virginia. She has been a member of the Wilderness Road Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Wytheville, for fifty years. She has been a life-long active member of the Sharon Presbyterian Church in Ceres. She has served in all of the offices of the Women of the Presbyterian Church and has been given a life membership in that organization. She has always been interested in these activities and has worked unselfishly in her community.

Miss Hudson attended Emory and Henry College, Longwood college and received her B.S. degree from Radford University. Miss Hudson's life-long career of teaching in the public schools of Southwest Virginia began at the



Miss Margie Juanita Hudson

age of eighteen when she entered the school room and taught boys and girls older and larger than herself. For many years she served as principal and classroom teacher in the elementary and junior high schools in Giles, Wythe and in Bland, her native county. She was

principal of Bland and Bastian Elementary Schools; and in her home at Ceres, where she taught for a number of years, she was the first certified librarian. Miss Hudson was elementary principal of the school at Elkridge, Maryland at the time of her retirement.

Miss Hudson has a gentle way of talking and moving. However, it is backed by a strong determination. Her philosophy has been to instill into every boy and girl a sense of belonging. To her every individual is important and each one has a special place to fill in our democracy. Her real joy was dramatics, and she enjoyed working with the cast and presenting programs and dramas for others to enjoy.

Miss Hudson is an honorary member of Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an educational organization for the Key Women teachers. She is a county, state, and national member of the Retired Teachers Organization.

During her retirement at her ancestral home, "Mountain Glen", in Ceres, "Miss Nita", as she is affectionately known by her loved ones, has enjoyed entertaining her

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friends, painting, making needle point and sewing for the family. She also enjoyed traveling, reading and working in the church. Her greatest joy today is knowing she has had a part in molding the fine character of the men and women who are now serving in the various places of leadership throughout the nation.

The Bland County Retired Teachers' Association salutes you, "Miss Nita", as doing an outstanding work in your teaching career. We are very happy to see you at our regular meetings.



Nell Hudson,
Primary Teacher
Ceres School
1939 Yearbook

FACULTY

Seated :

Mae Groselose --- Elementary
Helen Groselose - Elementary

Standing:

R. Dow Davis ----- History & English
Prof. J.T.W. Mitchell- Math
Rosalie Ashworth ----- Biology & French
Trula Stowers ----- Elementary
Nell Hudson ----- Primary
Bessie Mae Stribbling - Bible (not pictured)



*Miss Nell Hudson
1st & 2nd
grades*

Nell Hudson
1st & 2nd Grade
1942 Yearbook



Nita Hudson, 6 & 7th
Nell Hudson, Primary
1940 Yearbook

Faculty

Mr. J.A. Mitchell.....Principal
Mr. Clyde Bronscome.....Asst. Principal
Mr. J.D. Rutrough.....Agriculture
Miss Arroy Jones.....Home Ec.
Miss Nita Hudson.....6th. and 7th.
Miss Lee Groselose.....5th. and 6th.
Miss Trula Stowers.....3rd. and 4th.
Miss Nell Hudson.....Primary
Miss Bessie Mae Stribbling.....Bible



*Miss Nita Hudson
Librarian*

Nita Hudson
Librarian
1942 Yearbook

NITA AND NELL HUDSON TOMBSTONE AT SHARON LUTHERAN CEMETERY

Nita Hudson
1890-1984

HUDSON, MARGIE J.

CERES — Miss Margie Juanita (Nita) Hudson, age 93, passed away Monday, February 27, 1984, after a brief illness, in the Wytheville Community Hospital. She was a graduate of Radford University. Miss Hudson's life long career of teaching in the public schools of Southwest Virginia began at the age of 18. For many years, she served as principal and classroom teacher in Giles, Wythe, and Bland Counties. At the time of her retirement, she was principal of a school at Elk Ridge, Md. Miss Hudson was a member of Sharon Presbyterian Church, a life member of the Ceres Woc. She had a 50 year membership in the Wilderness Road Chapter of the DAR. She was a honorary member of the Chi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an educational organization for key women teachers. In 1983, the Bland County Retired Teachers' Association honored Miss Nita for her years of dedication to education. Miss Hudson is survived by one sister, Miss Nell Hudson, Ceres; two nieces, Mrs. William H. (Frances) Edmonson, Jr., Harrisonburg; Mrs. John L. (Elizabeth) Fairly, Jr., Richmond; one nephew, Bennett F. Adair, Jr., Richmond; five great-nieces; one great-nephew. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 29, 1984, in Sharon Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Tom Sprole officiating. Interment will follow in Sharon Lutheran Cemetery. The family will receive friends at their home (Mountain Glen) at anytime. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sharon Presbyterian Church or Sharon Cemetery, Newberry Funeral Home, Bland, is in charge of arrangements.



NITA AND NELL HUDSON TOMBSTONE AT SHARON LUTHERAN CEMETERY

Nell Hudson (1899 - 1997)

HUDSON, NELL

In Loving Memory

NELL MORRISON HUDSON

October 12, 1899

April 12, 1997

Age 97

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 15, 1997
Sharon Presbyterian Church
2:00 P.M.

OFFICIATING

Dr. Don Nance

INTERMENT

Sharon Lutheran Cemetery

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Mrs. William H. Edmonson
Mrs. John "Elizabeth" Fairly

NEPHEW

Bennett F. Adair, Jr.

SPECIAL FRIEND & CARE TAKER

Clayton Lambert

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Newberry Funeral Home
Bland, Virginia

The sun shines ---
The tree flourishes,
Just as God's love shines,
And we flourish.

But --- as the sun's warmth
Passes away into autumn,
The tree fades into slumber ---
So must we.

How wonderful though,
When spring comes ---
Life comes to the tree again.
God's love shines and ---
Unto everlasting life we pass.

The trees and God's children ---
All born again.



Nell Morrison Hudson
Nell Morrison Hudson, 97, of Ceres died Saturday, April 12, 1997, in the Kegley Manor in Bastian. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, at 2 p.m. at the Sharon Presbyterian Church. Interment followed in the Sharon Lutheran Church Cemetery in Ceres.

She was a graduate of Radford and James Madison Colleges and also had taken graduate works at Columbia University in New York City. She was a member of the Wilderness Road Chapter, D.A.R., a member of the Sharon Presbyterian Church, the Bland County, W.O.C., the Bland County Teachers Association, and had taught

school in Bland County, Wythe County, and Tazewell County and in Clarksville, Md. She also was a music teacher and retired after 52 years of service.

She is survived by two nieces, Mrs. William H. Edmonson of Harrisonburg, and Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Fairly of Richmond; one nephew, Bennett F. Adair Jr. of Richmond; and a special friend and care taker, Clayton Lambert of Ceres.

The family requests that those who prefer, may make memorials to the Sharon Lutheran Cemetery Fund.

Newberry Funeral Home in Bland was in charge of the arrangements.