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Arvis Lauren Stewart was born in Millerville, Alabama on December 4, 1924 to Arcadia Lucretia Sargent Stewart and Rev. James Washington (J.W. or "Gov") Stewart, a Methodist pastor. She was the sixth of ten children. Her father being a preacher, the family moved often as he served many different churches throughout Alabama.

Arvis was the valedictorian of her graduating class of Pisgah High School. She attended Athens College in Athens, Alabama, and was elected to the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa. There she met her future husband Everett Lee Morris, Jr. of Sumter, South Carolina.

They were married on April 29, 1946 at her home in Henagar, by her father. Arvis left college and the couple started a family. They moved around the country as Everett took various jobs, and when he received a commission in the US Navy, she became a Navy wife. In 1967, her marriage ended and with daughter Katy married and son Lee off at college, Arvis and the three younger children, Mike, Melanie and Riley, moved from Hillcrest Heights, Maryland to Jacksonville, Alabama. She enrolled in Jacksonville State University where she graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Education in 1970. She was a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority.

Arvis became a beloved and respected second grade teacher at Centre Elementary School in nearby Centre, Alabama from 1971 to 1991, where

twice she was selected Teacher of the Year. She was recruited by her principal to publish the school's Memory Book, to which she dedicated countless hours to making a great memento for the students.

Arvis's biscuits and gravy, pot roast, skillet cornbread and sweet tea were the stuff of legend. Arvis was an avid quilter as was her mother, and she hand stitched many treasured quilts for family members. Other hobbies included reading, crossword puzzles and knitting afghans. In her later years she enjoyed reading books about the paintings of her renowned grand-nephew Donny Finley whose grandmother was her mother's sister Dessar.

On December 4, Arvis celebrated her 98th birthday with three generations of descendants who came from as far as Indiana, Iowa and Maryland (and Colorado and New Mexico by phone) at the Cherokee County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Centre, Alabama. She especially delighted in engaging with her newest descendant, Kinsley.

Arvis was preceded in death by all of her siblings: Thelma Diamond, Eugene Stewart, Elvin Stewart, Mera York, Ethel Waddell, Lemuel Stewart, Maymie McClure, Ruby Sanford and Gail Stinson; her daughter Melanie Rose Buchholz, and son John Riley Morris.

Arvis is survived by daughter Arcadia "Katy" Lynn Morris Greenawalt (Rodgers) of Sumter, South Carolina; son Everett "Lee" Morris, III of Atlanta, Georgia; son David Michael "Mike" Morris (Mary) of Laurel, Maryland; son-in-law Michael "Mike" Hart Buchholz of Alpharetta, Georgia; grandchildren Lauren Lynn Noble (Ron); Rodgers Kenyon Greenawalt, Jr. (Daniele); Carson Emily Morris; Everett Lee Morris, IV (Jaymee); Jessie Claudia Leyden (Tim); Wenona Mineko Galotta (Tony); Linda Sachiko Morris; Matthew Morris Buchholz (Leslie); Michael Hart Buchholz, Jr. (Andrea); Mark Stewart Buchholz (Katie); Meredith Sargent Mackiw (Mark); Dillon Thomas Fuller (Blair); and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Arvis passed peacefully on December 17, 2022. Her love and devotion and pride in her family live on through each of her cherished descendants as well as her treasured nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, February 25 at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 4393 Garmon Rd, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Dunstan's Episcopal Church
4393 Garmon Rd NW
Atlanta , AL

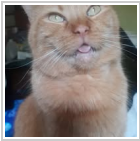
Tribute Wall

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“ To ALL the Stewart & morris Family members,
I am so sorry for your loss.
She is descendant for & part of a sweet
Family.
I know she will be missed by all who knew
her. My thoughts & prayers are with each of you.
Lovingly,
Elaine (Brooks) Singleton & Family



ELAINE (BROOKS) SINGLETON - February 22, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ RIP she was a wonderful teacher. Very nice
lady. RIP 🙏



Donna Palmer - February 21, 2023 at 07:42 AM