



Miss. Doris L. Hoffnagle

February 5, 2015

Doris L. Hoffnagle age 88 of Portsmouth, a retired schoolteacher, passed away on February 5, 2015.

Miss Hoffnagle, a native of New Haven, Vermont, taught school in Vermont and Portsmouth for 32 years before retiring. She was employed by the YMCA—USO for five years as Women's Director in Portsmouth's South Street USO.

She was a very active member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Portsmouth where she held many offices, including First Reader.

Miss Hoffnagle was a graduate of the University of Vermont and a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Honorary Teachers sorority and a member of the Portsmouth chapter of AAUW for many years.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven, Vermont. Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the Portsmouth Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Town Hill Road
New Haven, VT 05472

Tribute Wall

TC

“ She was my history teacher in 8th grade. Her interest in me led to my attending a program for ambitious students that involved participating in archaeology digs in and around Williamsburg. This event helped shape my understanding and appreciation of history and my perspectives about time, culture, and events.

I like to think Im a better person because of this gift of hers. I am sorry to hear of her passing, but I know there is a place in Heaven for her.

Timothy Carter - February 25, 2015 at 04:56 PM

LG

Thank you for sharing your memories of Doris, she was my god mother and one of my my best friends. I will miss her love and wisdom ❤️

Lisa gould - March 16, 2015 at 01:30 PM

TF

“ Doris grew up on a Vermont farm and told us stories of that simple but rugged life. She was unselfish and always put others before herself. Among many memories, I recall her clear and direct Sunday School teaching. She loved the Bible and knew very well. She would bring candy to Sunday School and share it with the students afterwards. I remember her doing that for my generation and for the next generation. She had a great heart. She showed great patience in teaching me how to drive. I think that qualifies her for sainthood!

Tom Fuller - February 20, 2015 at 04:42 PM

LG

What a wonderful thing to say about a wonderful person as Doris Hoffnagle. Thank you for your kind words 🌸

lisa gould - March 03, 2015 at 07:14 PM

ES

“Doris was a steadfast friend to our family. Doris and June never forgot a birthday, were always generous at Christmas, and most importantly very giving of their time. Too many fun memories to recount here, but one stands out which is so characteristic of Doris and her no-nonsense approach. She took over our Sunday School class when I was about nine years old. Our earlier teacher was a very soft touch, but that came to a screeching halt when Doris took over. "Okay, boys. Hoffnagle's the name, and teaching is the game." All the silliness came to a screeching halt, and she ensured we understood the meaning of God's love as well as our responsibilities. What finer tribute can we give to a person than telling her that through her efforts, we are better and happier people?

Thank you Doris, and you too, June. You made our lives much better.

Eddie

Eddie Fuller, Sr. - February 19, 2015 at 07:28 PM

LG

Thank you for your kind words. Doris always had stern words with a kind heart❤️

lisa gould - March 03, 2015 at 07:03 PM

LF

“Doris was one of the kindest people I knew, and the Earth is poorer for her passing. Thank you for everything, Doris. Prayers for you and your family.

Liz Fuller-Wright - February 19, 2015 at 03:44 PM

TK

“ Miss Hoffnagle was my sixth grade teacher (1966/67). She was a wonderful teacher. I always think of her when I hear Psalm 121. She read it often to our class to begin the day. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. (KJV) Of course, that was back when you could still read the Bible in public school. She made such a lasting impression.

Teresa Tarr Knight

Teresa Knight - February 11, 2015 at 02:08 PM

RT

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Rosemary Fuller Thornton - February 09, 2015 at 06:46 AM

RT

Doris is on the right; June is on the left.

Rosemary Fuller Thornton - February 09, 2015 at 07:02 AM

LP

I am so sorry to read this.. She was one of my favorite teachers! RIP :)

Linda Collier Patterson - February 25, 2015 at 08:14 PM

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Rosemary Fuller Thornton - February 09, 2015 at 06:44 AM

RT

“Doris was one of those rare human beings who asked nothing of others and yet gave everything of herself. She was the most unselfish soul I've ever known. Doris was a devout Christian who spent several hours a day reading the Bible and praying for others. She was immensely grateful for every kindness done on her behalf.

Doris' last words were, "Thank you, thank you."

Doris did not have an easy life but she always found a way to be grateful for every single thing. For this reason and many others, Doris was dearly loved by many. I met Doris in 1959 when I was born. Admittedly, Doris remembers our first meeting better than I do.

In the last six years of her life, Lisa Gould (an angel walking this earth) made a place in her home and her heart for Doris. Without Lisa's unconditional love and tender care, Doris would not have survived the cascading health problems that arose in 2009.

In the last days of her life, I held Doris' hand, put my face next to hers and said, "Doris, when your time here is done, God's going to look into your eyes and tell you, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

We're all richer for having known and loved Doris Hoffnagle, and I miss her already. And yet, I can only imagine the great rejoicing in heaven at Doris' long-awaited arrival.



Rosemary Fuller Thornton - February 09, 2015 at 06:27 AM

AH

“ Alice Szabo Holland lit a candle in memory of Miss. Doris L. Hoffnagle



Alice Szabo Holland - February 08, 2015 at 10:11 PM

BB

“ We will miss Doris. She was always upbeat and thoughtful of others. She lived out her faith and influenced many lives. Lisa is to be commended for making her last years so pleasant. Bill and Mary Bryant

Bill and Mary Bryant - February 08, 2015 at 06:02 PM

LH

“ God bless a truly great lady, who taught many, including myself, about living life with faith, tenacity, and humor.

Lannah Hughes - February 08, 2015 at 02:05 PM