



Mrs. Ellen Hillman West

December 4, 1920 - May 16, 2018

Ellen Hillman West, 97, of DeWitt died Wednesday, May 16, 2018. She was born December 4, 1920 to Clinton and Gertrude Brigland Hillman in Stuttgart.

She attended New Providence School, then graduated from Stuttgart High School. She joined Bayou Meto United Methodist Church as a youth. She and Tillmon West were married there in 1945.

She was a teacher and school librarian, having degrees from Berea College (KY) and Peabody College (TN). She was a member of state and national education associations. As a member of Grand Prairie Historical Society, she enjoyed writing articles for GPHS Bulletin. She belonged to United Methodist Women.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, sisters Hope Luebke and Mary Sue Spurlock, brother Howard Hillman, and daughter-in-law Judy F. West. She is survived by children Tim M. West (Joann) of Pine Bluff; Trudy W. Lynch (Jeff) of Houston, TX; and Larry T. West of Mountain Home.

Grandchildren are Stephanie Goodman (Ken) of Hot Springs; Cindy Newton (Jim) of Smackover; Allison Zimmer (Brice) of Grapevine, TX; Cy Cox (Jo Ann) of DeWitt; Crissy Baker-Rion (Eric) of Atlanta, GA; Matthew Baker of Houston, TX; and Jaclyn Lynch Daumerie (Jean-Benoit) of Austin, TX. Great grandchildren are Rachel Parker (Patrick) and Samantha and Graham

Goodman; Weston, Micah, and Landon Smith and William and Charissa Newton; Brock and Braylee Zimmer; and Nate and John Paul Cox. Great great grandson is Avery Parker and Baby Parker (due November 2018).

Her surviving siblings are Webster Hillman of Almyra; George Hillman (Jeanne) of Tulsa, OK; and sister-in-law Sarah Hillman of Burleson, TX.

Visitation will be held at Essex Funeral Home, 1405 South Grandview Drive, DeWitt, AR, Friday, May 18, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

A memorial service, officiated by Reverend Mary Welch, will be held at Bayou Meto United Methodist Church at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 19, 2018. The family suggests memorials be made to Bayou Meto UMC (Janis Sollars, Treasurer, 1595 Hwy. 276, DeWitt, AR 72042) or to charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ *Ellen West and the grease monkey rocket scientist:
In my eleventh grade, I was ready to drop out and then work as a grease monkey. Mrs. West encouraged me to finish writing my physics term paper. The subject was "Rockets."*

After high school, I did work briefly as a grease monkey. That was at DeWitt Co-op Buyers'.

About fifty years later, I actually worked as a real rocket scientist.

Thank you, Ellen West.

from George W. Hillman.

George Hillman - September 01, 2019 at 02:17 AM

LM

“ *Mrs. West was an outstanding teacher and a wonderful, caring person. I was blessed to have known her. My condolences to the family.z*

Louise Mannis - May 22, 2018 at 10:58 AM

LA

“ *My condolences on the loss of your dear mother*

Laura Aquino - May 22, 2018 at 10:58 AM

GG

“ Reading the tribute of Mrs. West's passing saddened me and yet brought back so many wonderful memories. Mrs. West had such a warm soul that was evident in everything that she did. She was a great educator and I have so many fond memories of working with her in the DeWitt High School library. We spent many hours talking over the four years I was there, and I spent those hours learning about why it was not only important to be a "good" person but to understand the "why" of doing so. Thank you Mrs. West for all of your efforts and for having the heart of a true educator. You will be missed.

Greg Griffie - May 22, 2018 at 10:58 AM

HL

“ It was always fun to visit Ellen when I was in town. She was so active and ready to update me on additional Hillman family history that she had located. She will be missed.

Helen Ann Phelps Lucas - May 22, 2018 at 10:58 AM

DR

“ Dear West Family, How very sorry to hear of the loss of Granny West, our prayers and sympathy conveyed to your family! God bless each of you and our love, David and Annette Rushing (Summit Baptist Church, friend of Tim West's immediate family)

David and Annette Rushing - May 22, 2018 at 10:58 AM

BM

“ Mrs. West was a sweet lady, and a wonderful teacher and librarian. I was one of her workers in the library. I learned many things from her. My prayers and condolences to her family. Bonnie Ashbrook Hill McEuen

Bonnie McEuen - May 22, 2018 at 10:58 AM