



Lida Beghtel-May

October 20, 1930 - June 4, 2021

Lida Harlan Beghtel-May passed away on Friday June 4, 2021. Lida was born October 20th, 1930, in Dumont, Iowa. She graduated from Dumont High School in 1948. Lida received her Bachelors in Elementary Education from the State Teachers College of Iowa in 1953. She was a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority. Lida was a second-grade teacher for over 30 years. Teaching in Iowa for 9 of those years and the rest of her career teaching mainly at Hoover Elementary in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Teaching and touching the lives of countless children and their families.

Lida met her husband Floyd Beghtel at the State Teachers College of Iowa. They married on June 11, 1950. They were married until Floyd's passing. They spent 33 happy years together raising their beautiful daughter Lida Louise Stanton. Lida met and married her second husband Ed May. They were married May 31, 1991. They loved to travel and visited most of the United States. Between 1996-2006 they toured Canada, Hawaii, Europe, China, Russia, and enjoyed their retirement time together.

Lida was preceded in death by her daughter Lida Louise Stanton, her parents Lawrence and Lida Harlan, first husband Floyd Beghtel, second husband Ed May, sister Jean and brother-in-law Dr. Tom Bairnson, and Ed's son Richard May.

Lida is survived by her loving son-in-law James Stanton of Bartlesville. Ed's daughter Melody May of Austin and Dana May of Oklahoma City; Grandson Patrick and Mike May. One niece Beth Bairnson Stoll and husband Louis of

Minnetonka, and nephew George Bairnson of Andover, Minnesota, and children Ryder and Greyson; also, Troy Zauhar of Plymouth, Minnesota. Long-time neighbors who were part of Lida's family are Raymond and Delores Theis, and children Chris, Marty, and Toni.

Lida loved to read and entertain guests. She also liked taking care of her grand-dogs, Sugar and Hope Stanton. She enjoyed family get-togethers and was a very generous lady supporting many organizations. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Oklahoma Retired Educators Association, P.O. Box 18485 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Family To Receive Friends

JUN **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

JUN **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 E 9th St
Bartlesville, OK 74003
(918) 336-1212
<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lida Beghtel-May*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Lida Beghtel-May*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *So grateful to Lida for the absolute knowledge that she imparted to me.*
Jean Simmons



Jean Simmons - June 09, 2021 at 05:24 PM



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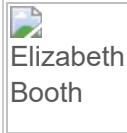
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“ Lida was such an inspiration to me. Lida was president of the Bartlesville Education Association when we had a walkout that was approved by our school board. They let us out for a week so that we could go to the Capitol to get more money and benefits for educators and students. I remember walking around the Capitol with her as she was leading us and talking to us the entire time. Because of her, I was president of the same organization many years later. I told her how much I admired her and how inspired I was when I was around her. She was a wonderful teacher and friend to so many people. After I retired, I was treasurer of the Washington County Retired Educators Association. Lida would forget that she was a lifetime member and would send her dues in each year. I would call her and we would talk at length. I always tore the check up. She will certainly be missed! She was one of a kind stand up lady!

Hope you will find some peace during this difficult time.

Cindy Dronyk

Cindy Dronyk - June 08, 2021 at 06:08 PM

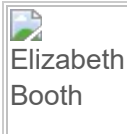


Elizabeth
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“ *Elizabeth Booth lit a candle in memory of Lida Beghtel-May*



Elizabeth Booth - June 08, 2021 at 03:14 PM



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“ *condolence to the family.*

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“ *Both of my children were fortunate to have Lida as their teacher in the mid 80's at Hoover. I recall being room mother when Floyd passed, and class pitched in to provide food. Lida was a lovely lady and a fine teacher. My condolences to the family.*

Joanne Berardi Bodenhamer - June 08, 2021 at 02:23 PM



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Lida was a classy lady and a wonderful teacher. My daughter benefited from her teaching as so many did. I was fortunate to teach along with her at Hoover for a few years before she retired. She was an inspiration to me, and a dedicated example to follow.

Kayleen Thomas - June 10, 2021 at 11:50 AM