



Nova Freeman

December 24, 1913 - February 3, 2010

Nova Arlene Freeman, of Topeka, KS, died Wednesday, February 3, 2010. At Nova's request, there will be no service. Her ashes will be interred at a private memorial in Topeka at a later date. Nova was born on December 24, 1913, in Brown County, KS, to Charles and Gertrude Snyder Hunsaker. She graduated from Reserve High School in 1931 and received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Mt. St. Scholastica in 1969. She taught elementary school in Doniphan County for forty-one years. After beginning her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in rural Doniphan County at the age of eighteen, Nova taught in Troy, Bendena, Highland, and Atchison. As a teacher, Mrs. Freeman was known as a talented, firm, and caring teacher who believed in every student who walked through the door to her classroom. Nova was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-two years, Francis (Pete) Freeman (2001); her parents; and three brothers, Norman Hunsaker, Ralph Hunsaker, and Howard Hunsaker. Since 2002, she has lived at Brewster Place in Topeka with her beloved canine companion, CJ. She is survived by two daughters, Jean Mitchell, Topeka, KS and Ann Elmborg, Iowa City, IA; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nova Freeman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences in the loss of your dear mother. Mrs. Freeman was my second grade (1941-42) and fifth grade (1944-45) teacher at Troy Grade School; I have very fond memories of her! She was an excellent teacher and wonderful lady. I especially remember her terrific smile, friendship and personality. May it comfort you in knowing she was loved and respected by many of us. God Bless and keep you.*

Ellen (Howland) Earhart - February 12, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ *The Benedictine College community extends condolences to the family of Nova Freeman. May God grant you peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

Kathy Garrison - February 09, 2010 at 10:22 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy goes out to you for the loss of your mother. She was my favorite teacher during my elementary school days. I was under her wing from 3rd through 8th grade at the Bendena Grade School in Bendena, KS. I have very fond memories of her.*

Sarah Staudenmaier Albers - February 08, 2010 at 04:56 PM

JG

“ I met Nova my very first year teaching (1975) in Atchison at the elementary school where I had also attended. Nova was delightful to work beside. She had a wonderful sense of humor and truly a love for teaching. She had remarkable discipline, but never raised her voice. She was well respected by both staff and the students. What a remarkable lady! My sympathy to all of you.

Jane Cameron Gray - February 07, 2010 at 03:28 PM

JS

“ To Nova's family,

I was pleased to have Nova as my neighbor at Brewster Place since 2002. Her apartment was next door to my office and I guess we learned to look out for each other throughout the years. CJ was her constant companion and would make daily visits to my office to make sure I was working. :-)

Nova many times would bring photos to my office to show off her grandkids and great-grandkids...her pride and joy, for sure.

She delighted in telling me stories of her husband, her family, teaching and that pet squirrel of hers. I will remember her for her love of reading and her private nature. We also had some nice talks about politics...we figured out pretty quickly we were on the same page.

I am so glad I got to see Nova one last time last Friday. I will miss her as my neighbor and my friend.

*My sympathies to you all.
Janis Swanson
Brewster Place*

Janis Swanson - February 06, 2010 at 11:03 PM

DP

“ To the family of Nova Freeman:

Don and I want you to know we are thinking of you. Words can say very little at a time like this, but knowing friends and family are thinking of you maybe helps. We hope so. Please accept our sympathy. We know you have many many memories of Jean's mother.

Sincerely,

Don and Jackie Petersen

Don & Jackie Petersen - February 06, 2010 at 03:23 PM

JL

“ Ann, Jean & Rome,
Sorry to read about your mother. From the notice it sounds like she had a full and rewarding life. Jerry noticed that she graduated from the Mount, he attended St. Benedict's and graduated in 1967. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry & Anna Marie Lammers

Jerry & Anna Marie Lammers - February 06, 2010 at 02:58 PM

PN

“ Dear Mitchell and Elmborg families,

Just wanted to extend my sincere sympathies to the passing of your mother/grandmother. May God's love comfort you in the days ahead.

*Most Sincerely,
Paige (Myers) Noss
TWHS '85*

Paige (Myers) Noss - February 06, 2010 at 01:03 PM