



Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley

March 3, 2015

Professor Emerita Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley, age 79, passed away peacefully during the evening hours on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Sylvia was born on May 21, 1935 to Augustus and Fannie Witten in Gary, West Virginia. She was the youngest of three Witten children.

While growing up in Elbert, West Virginia, Sylvia attended elementary school until her family moved to Bluefield, West Virginia. She graduated high school from Park Central High, and was a member of the marching band as a majorette. As she attended Bluefield State College on a full academic scholarship, she was a member of the modern dance team and Alpha Kappa Alpha. Sylvia graduated with her Bachelor's Degree (Cum Laude) in Elementary and Secondary Education in 1957. She moved to Toledo and taught in Toledo Public Schools from 1958 to 1965.

Sylvia met and later married Robert Huntley, Sr. in 1962. They had three children: Robin, Robert, Jr., and Wendi.

An avid student at heart, Sylvia went on to obtain her Masters of Science in Counseling from the University of Toledo in 1967. She worked as a Supervisor and Training Officer at Head Start until 1972. Later in 1972, Sylvia was an Assistant Professor and then full tenured Professor at Bowling Green State University. While there, she also served as the Assistant Director of the Summer Freshman Program for ten years. In 1977, she received her Education Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Toledo. She retired from BGSU in 1992.

Subsequent to retiring, she returned to work at WGTE-TV 30 as an Early Learning Coordinator. Later, in 1994, Dr. Huntley served as the Deputy Director of Toledo Head Start for 8 years. She continued her studies and attained High Scope Early Childhood Trainer status in 2002, and completed the Head Start Scholars Program at the prestigious Anderson School of Business at UCLA in 2004. Sylvia became the Director of Head Start for Lucas County until 2010.

At the tender age of 9, Sylvia gave her life to the Lord while attending Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bluefield. She sang in the choir and later also was a member of the choir at Zion Church of God in Christ in Toledo, Ohio where she helped in the kitchen and was a Sunday School Superintendent with her husband, Robert. Later, she attended St. James Holiness Church until shortly before her death.

Dr. Huntley's educational career spanned over 35 years while teaching positives to children and young adults. She loved teaching, reading, and working puzzles. The lives of a countless number of people have been impacted by her knowledge, advice and generosity.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Huntley, Sr.; parents, Augustus and Fannie Witten; sister, Mary Martin and brother, James Witten. She is survived by her children Robin Huntley of Toledo, OH; Robert Huntley, Jr. (Yvette) of Suwanee, GA; and Wendi Huntley of Toledo, OH; grandchildren Erin Huntley of Lawrenceville, GA; Drew Huntley, and Mason Huntley; step-daughter Debra Stegall (Marvin) of Atlanta, GA; step-grandchildren, Summer Stegall, Sunny (Tim) Edwards; great step-grandson, Jordan White; sisters-in-law, Betty Huntley of Toledo, OH and Roma Witten of Englewood, NJ; brothers-in-law, Harold Huntley (Berdell) of Toledo, OH and Jonathan Huntley of Palmdale, CA; special niece, Connie Jones, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Friday 6-8:00 pm at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel

Family hour Saturday at 10:00 am followed by Funeral services 11:00 am at
St. James the Armory
Entombment Toledo Memorial Park

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *Robin and Family, I was so saddened to hear of your Mother,s passing, You all are in my prayers, May the God who grants comfort be with you all.*

cjt - March 31, 2015 at 02:36 PM

CJ

And this God who grants comfort is Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords. May you all experience the perfect peace from our Jehovah-God, Jesus.

cjt - April 03, 2015 at 03:21 PM

PJ

“ *Dear Robin and family, I was so very saddened to just hear of your Mom's passing. She always had my utmost respect at Head Start and I valued her knowledge and commitment to children and families. Also loved running into her at Elder-Berman or wherever she was shopping! Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Patty Jardin*

patricia jardin - March 30, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley.*



March 13, 2015 at 12:39 PM

BA

“ *Bonnie Antoszewski lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley*



Bonnie Antoszewski - March 13, 2015 at 07:12 AM

AE

“ *Andrea E. purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley.*



Andrea E. - March 10, 2015 at 07:27 PM

TA

“ *To Robin and your family: my prayers are with you during this time. May God give you comfort and peace. Rejoice in knowing that "... we walk by faith, not by sight, we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord." II Cor. 5-8.*



Tammy Davis Arnold - March 10, 2015 at 01:06 PM

SD

“ *Sharon Dadzie lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley*



Sharon Dadzie - March 10, 2015 at 10:39 AM

PR

“ THE ROSS-BYRD FAMILY, SENDS OUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS & LOVE DURING THIS TIME OF GREAT LOSS. DR, HUNTLEY, WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. ROBIN, I LOVE YOU & YOUR FAMILIES ARE IN MY CONTINUED PRAYERS. YOUR SISTER :
PROPHETESS NICOLE ROSS-BYRD



PROPHETESS NICOLE ROSS-BYRD - March 10, 2015 at 08:53 AM

JC

“ James And Carolyn Clemons lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley



James and Carolyn Clemons - March 09, 2015 at 10:00 PM

JC

Robin, Wendi, and Robert Jr.

Please know you are in our prayers. It was such a pleasure to have known your Mom. She was always smiling and gracious to us. Remember the good times and the joy you spent with your Mom. She will forever live in your heart, and that is where your treasures are. Sending much love to you.

Uncle James and Auntie Carolyn Clemons

James and Carolyn Clemons - March 09, 2015 at 10:07 PM

KK

Wendi & Family, My heart aches for you and your family. Your mom was such an amazing person and she will truly be missed. Her list of accomplishments was remarkable. Please know that you are my thoughts and prayers. Kim (Ginter) Kepling

Kim Kepling - March 10, 2015 at 02:35 PM

RP

Robin and Wendi, my prayers are with you and you family.

Regina Pauley - March 11, 2015 at 05:31 PM

FF

“ *FROM MARY LYNN AND ART FOSTER purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley.*



FROM MARY LYNN AND ART FOSTER - March 09, 2015 at 03:20 PM

CT

“ *Condolences from the local Watch Tower society(Brooklyn-based). In the days to come, may Jesus, our Jehovah-God, embrace you with His loving arms. May you experience the perfect peace of our risen Lord & Savior. This candle represents the light of Christ.*



ConnieJ Thomas - March 08, 2015 at 03:24 PM

 Marla Payton

“ *Earth has no sorrow tht heaven can not heal. To the Huntley family, my prayers are extended to you. Your mother, freinds, docotor, teacher and so much more is at rest now. Fairwell, but never goodbye.*



Marla Payton - March 07, 2015 at 01:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Sylvia V. Huntley.*



March 06, 2015 at 09:09 AM