



Mrs. Montie L. Erwin

September 20, 1924 - January 21, 2017

Funeral Services for Montie L. Erwin, 92, of Gilmer will be held 2p.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church of Gilmer with Rev. Richard Laster officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6-8p.m. on Tuesday January 24, 2017 at the funeral home. Montie was born September 20, 1924 to Sam and Nellie Slaton in Jacksonville, TX and passed away Saturday January 21, 2017 in Gilmer. Mrs. Erwin owned and taught at Morris Kindergarten for 56 years and then was a private tutor for 14 years. She taught 3 generations of students at Morris Kindergarten and touched many lives through her teaching generations of young children. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Gilmer. Montie is preceded in death by her parents; husband's C.V. South, L.J. Morris, and Johnny Erwin; granddaughter Melinda South; and great granddaughter Raegan Brooke South. She is survived by her son Ron South; daughter Cullene South; sister Dorothy Faye Hudson; grandchildren Brian South, Byron South, Joel Huffhines, and Cullen Huffhines. Please visit Montie's on-line register book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

1582 US Hwy 271 S
Gilmer, TX 75645

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
Gilmer, TX 75645
(903) 734-7070
info@mcwhorterfh.com
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

Service

JAN **25.** 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church, Gilmer
105 N. Montgomery St
Gilmer, TX 75644

Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Montie L. Erwin*



McWhorter Funeral Home - January 24, 2017 at 01:40 PM

BC

“ *I was among many children that attend her school kindergarten she would let one of the children ring the bell to come in from recess I always remember how kind and loving a teacher she was never a cross word just loved her*

Beth Clark Clinnard - January 31, 2017 at 03:09 PM

LT

“ *Sending condolences to Mouties grandsons, Joel Huffhines and Cullen Huffhines. Sorry for your loss and I am praying for comfort and peace for the family. Love you, Aunt Linda*

Linda Toon - January 26, 2017 at 08:33 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mrs. Montie L. Erwin.*



January 25, 2017 at 11:23 AM

PG

“ Miss Montie, would walk her kindergarden students to Upshur County Library every Thursday for "Storytime". Students lined up, then held onto a rope and walked back to kindgarden like little ducks. She would correct them by saying, "we don't do that".

Also, Miss Montie played the piano every Thursday at Gilmer Kiwanis Club. She voluntarily did this without pay and said it was "my community service". The Club made her a Honorary Kiwanis member.



Peggy Giles - January 25, 2017 at 10:20 AM

TA

“ I didn't know Ms. Erwin personally but I would like to send my condolences to the family. May the "God of all comfort" comfort you during this difficult time. 2 Cor. 1:3,4; Rev. 21:3,4

Tabitha - January 25, 2017 at 09:45 AM

IC

“ We had the privilege of having Mrs. Erwin in our services at Upshur Manor. She was such an encouragement! We continue to pray for your family during this time. In Christ's love, Indian Rock Baptist Church

Indian Rock Baptist Church - January 25, 2017 at 05:52 AM

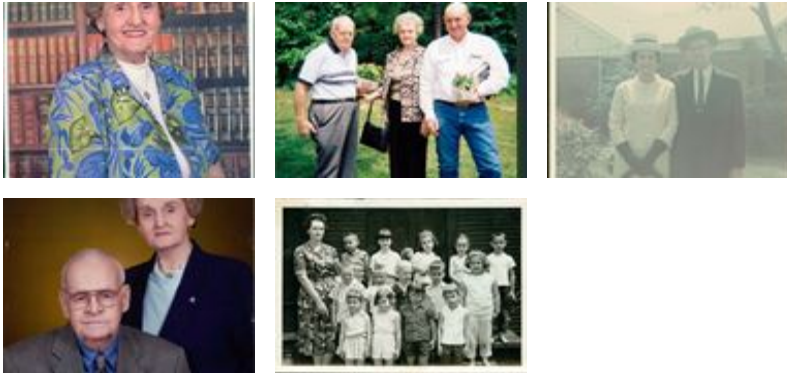
SW

“ Mrs. Montie was a great influence on so very many children and people. She definitely will be remembered by everyone as a giving and loving sweet lady.

sandy wilson - January 24, 2017 at 07:39 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - January 24, 2017 at 01:25 PM

GS

“ Ronnie Joe and Cullene I want to send my condolences to you and your family. I remember coming to your house when all of us cousins were small and she always had fun things for us to do. Last time I saw her she was telling me all about each of you and was very proud of all of you. Will keep you all in m prayers.

Glenda Stumhoffer - January 24, 2017 at 11:07 AM

GS

For some reason my last name didn't come up. Your cousin Glenda Stumhoffer

Glenda Stumhoffer - January 24, 2017 at 11:09 AM

CE

“ *Mrs Morris was my kindergarten teacher. Even after 30+ years after being in her care she would still remember me by name every time she would see me. She made me feel so special even years after she taught me. I was privileged to have her in my life. She was a beautiful woman inside and out.*



Cheryl Escalante - January 24, 2017 at 10:36 AM

PC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Polly Collinsworth - January 24, 2017 at 09:24 AM



Thanks for sharing, Polly!

Brian South - January 24, 2017 at 09:51 AM

PC

“ I am her niece. Aunt Montie was truly unique person. I remember telling her when my grandson James was born, she replied, "oh he was born on his great, great grandfather South's birthday", I had no idea. She was a wonderful teacher! She taught her students the alphabet in her own fun way so each letter would stick in their mind. She was strict but ruled with a kind heart. For over three generations her students remembered her with love and a person that cared. She was an interesting, strong lady and I know she is now in the presence of God. My deepest condolences to all of you. She was so proud of each and everyone of you!! I will miss her and feel my life is richer by having had her in my family!! Love, Polly



Polly Collinsworth - January 24, 2017 at 09:22 AM

DS

“ so sorry for Ms Montie's passing. She was absolutely wonderful in her callings. I had her for Kindergarten, and could not have had a better more suited lady to kick start my formal education growing up in Gilmer. She will be missed and never replaced.

Dwayne Studdard - January 24, 2017 at 07:37 AM

BM

“ Barbara S Marlin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Montie L. Erwin



Barbara S Marlin - January 23, 2017 at 10:37 PM



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Brian South - January 23, 2017 at 09:04 PM



Front Row: Cullen, Mimi, Porter and Pake. Second Row: Joel, Cullene, Brian, Padgett, Ron, Byron, Tanner.

Brian South - January 23, 2017 at 09:10 PM

BM

*Thank you Brian
Barbara South Marlin*

Barbara S Marlin - January 23, 2017 at 10:35 PM



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Brian South - January 23, 2017 at 09:03 PM

CC

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss!!
Clifford & Glenda Culberson*

Clifford Culberson - January 23, 2017 at 07:53 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Mrs. Montie L. Erwin.*



January 23, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *She was called Mrs. South, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Erwin or just Mrs. Montie, but we called her Mimi! Our Mimi has had such a positive influence on our family over the years that mere words cannot totally express our gratitude to her and to God, who chose her to be our Grandmother. She sincerely cared for us and was always interested in our well-being and the well-being of others. She was an inspiration to me in the way she dealt with all matters including great tragedies and personal losses. My wife described Mimi the best for me when she said “She is such a regal lady”. I am so proud she was my grandmother. Many times over the years I have met people and after getting to know them more, I learned that Mimi was their Kindergarten teacher. All of them, without exception, expressed how much they learned from her and how much they loved her. I would swell with pride any time someone spoke of her and proudly proclaim “That’s my Grandmother”! She is without a doubt in the presence of the Lord right now and more than likely playing the piano with my sister, Malinda and my niece, Raegan sitting on her lap, singing with the angels accompanied by other loved ones that she has reunited with. The South family thanks everyone for your condolences and prayers. Knowing that Mimi was loved by so many and included in many prayers is a great comfort to our family.*

Brian, Melissa, Pake, Porter and Padgett South

Brian South - January 23, 2017 at 02:09 PM

JH

“ My Mimi has been the biggest champion in my life. She has always been there for me. She raised me with Christian values and afforded me an amazing childhood. No words could ever explain nor actions ever repay the Love that she gave to me. She will be sorely missed. She has taught generations of children and instilled in them an eagerness to learn. An amazing lady who led an amazing life. I will miss you Mimi. Our family would like to thank all those who have sent their condolences and prayers. Your words provide comfort at this difficult time.

Joel Huffhines (grandson)

Joel Huffhines - January 22, 2017 at 08:40 PM

MM

“ Mrs Morris was my Kindergarten teacher back in the 1970s and I still have fond memories of her. Plus when I lived in Gllmer, I would play with her grandsons at her house. What a Godly and special lady.

Michael McClure

Michael McClure - January 22, 2017 at 06:57 PM

PB

“ Montie Morris was a wonderful lady. She taught both my daughters. Thank you God for sharing her with so many. She will truly be missed.

Patti Brevard, Sara & Hanna

patti brevard - January 22, 2017 at 05:36 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Morris taught both of my children. My son around 1986 . My daughter about 1995 All these years later remembered their names and Would always go down memory lane with me about my son that she taught in 86 he passed away at the young age of 23. Mrs. Morris never forgot him. Fly High Sweet Lady !



Susie Wilson - January 22, 2017 at 04:30 PM

SR

“ Mrs. Morris taught my youngest, Paige. We both loved her!! She was the best!! Enjoyed seeing her each year around Yam time as well! Everyone will miss her but she will be such a sweet Angel watching over all of her kiddos that she taught. God Bless!

Sherry Rawls - January 22, 2017 at 04:05 PM

LR

“ Mrs. Morris, as I knew her, was one of the grandest ladies I knew. It always amazed me how she could remember all her students and by name!! She will surely be missed. My condolences to her family

Liz Richardson - January 22, 2017 at 04:01 PM

JD

“ I have to call her Mrs. Morris since I was one of her kindergarten students in the 1976-77 school year. I loved her as a teacher and always took pride that even as an adult, she called me by name every time she saw me.

Joe Dodd - January 22, 2017 at 03:48 PM