



## Freda M. Handley

November 6, 1927 - July 28, 2016

Freda M. Handley, 88, of Hurricane passed away Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Hubbard Hospice House West, South Charleston, WV.

Born November 6, 1927 in Huntington, the daughter of the Late Max and Clara Hayes Cleveland. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Betty Burns and brother, Karl Cleveland.

Freda was retired from Putnam County Schools as a teacher, and a member of Pine Grove Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Charles E. "Jim" Handley; her daughter, Diana Alford (Steve); her son, Alan Handley (Beth), both of Teays Valley; 4 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be held. Please visit her tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories with the family.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be made to the Hubbard Hospice House West, 4605-A MacCorkle Avenue, SW, South Charleston, WV 25309.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley

Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Handley family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Freda M. Handley*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

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“ I am so sad today to discover that My favorite teacher "Ever" passed away several years ago. I was so blessed to have Mrs. Handley for not only 2nd grade but then was so fortunate to have her again when I entered 5th grade at Teays Valley. She was so influential in my life, everyone who has meant anything to me knows of my love and fondness of Mrs. Freda Handley. My family moved away from Teays Valley during my 6th grade year and Mrs. Handley and I stayed in touch for a couple of years after that by writing letters and sending photographs. I surprised her many years later when traveling through Teays Valley to visit family in Southern Ohio. I had kept her old address and I wanted to stop and see how she was doing and to let her know how much she meant to me. I remember being nervous and when I approached her front door, I looked through the little oval window on her front door where I saw her laying on the couch, I was so worried that maybe she was sick, so I went back to my car, got in and started to leave, but I decided if she was sick I would never forgive myself for not visiting her. Anyway, I went back, knocked on the front door, her husband answered the door and ask if he could help me, I asked him if Mrs. Handley was available and then gave him my name. Well I've never seen anyone get off of a couch that quickly, she came right over and we shared the biggest hug and she invited me in and we had a wonderful visit. I've raised 4 daughters and all of them know about my love for Mrs. Handley and very influential she has been ion my life. Two of them became teachers and my wife has been teaching for 29 years. The work and responsibility that comes with being an educator is overwhelming at times, but I have always been grateful for the lessons I learned from the Greatest Teacher Ever!

*Thank you Mrs. Handley, you were the best and I will miss you madly!*

*God Bless!*

*Carl Rose  
Murrells Inlet, SC*

**carl e rose** - January 25, 2021 at 12:02 PM

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“ *Freda was a wonderful person and teacher. She was my friend and I loved her very much.*

*Jon*

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**jon fisher** - August 01, 2016 at 11:34 PM

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“ *She was my 6th grade English teacher and I will never forget her! One time I started laughing so hard in her class and I cant remember why?!? It must have been contagious because she started laughing uncontrollably at me laughing. She told me to go stand in the hall until I could gather myself and them come back in. I think she sent me out in the hall so she could gather herself. Through the years we have kept in touch off and on I will never forget her sweet smile and contagious spirit. She will be etched in my memory the rest of my life for being one of the greatest school teachers I had during my school career. Freda I will miss you and think of you often.*

*Your friend and former student,  
Misty McCallister*

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**Misty McCallister** - August 01, 2016 at 11:58 AM