



Vernon Marie Schuder

July 20, 1916 - November 10, 2014

Vernon Fitzgerald Schuder was born Vernon Marie Cleveland, July 20, 1916. She passed away November 7, 2014. Vernon was born in Riverside, Texas where she married Bill Fitzgerald in 1938. After his death she was married to Raymond Jack Schuder. She was a life time teacher and band director for many schools in the surrounding counties and was the church musician starting at the age of eleven years. She graduated from Sam Houston State with a B.S. Degree and began her teaching career as a band director. As a lifelong historian for Walker County she was very active with the historical commission and a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She is survived by one son, Bill Fitzgerald and wife Sandra of Huntsville, one granddaughter Janna Davis and husband Chris of Huntsville, on grandson Bill Lance Fitzgerald and wife Kimberlin, one great granddaughter Jordan Davis of Huntsville. Services for Mrs. Schuder will be Monday, November 10th at 11:00am at the Riverside Methodist Church, Riverside, Texas. Visitation will be prior to services from 10:00am to 11:00am. Interment will follow services at the Old Pioneer Cemetery , Riverside, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so online at www.shmfh

Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon Marie Schuder*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Bill and family had to extend condolences on your loss. She truly was an amazing lady and a huge loss of the history of our community. She fascinated me with descriptions of times long gone. My family dates back to the days of steamboats navigating the Trinity River and her knowledge and research of the Town of Newport brought back those times. She will be taking notes in heaven to bring us up to date when we make the trip.*

Gary Werner - November 14, 2014 at 08:24 AM



“ *Ms. Fitzgerald, as I knew her, was one of the finest teacher I ever had. She taught me to play several instruments while in school at Lovelady. A strict disciplinarian, she put up with no nonsense from us as students. I am truly grateful for her influence in my life. My condolences to the family.*

Jack H. King - November 11, 2014 at 11:12 PM



“ *As one of her students, I can say "her" pearls of wisdom" have stayed with me all these years. I was always amazed at her ability to play so many different instruments. She taught me how to play my flute. She also taught me many songs that I am now teaching to my grandsons & they love the songs just like I did. I will remember her fondly. Sorry for all our loss but what a band she will be conducting in heaven!*

Rebecca Whitson Nicholson - November 11, 2014 at 07:45 PM

RH

“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Mrs. Vernon Schuder... I wish that I had become more involved and sooner with Mrs. Schuder as she seemed to be a very spirited person - full of energy and enthusiasm. I wrote her a letter earlier this year about my effort to get her husband inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame, and she quickly responded with some details and promises to do more research. She also insisted that at her age, she had earned the right to call me by first name and that there was no room for discussion. You have to love that spunk! I know she will be missed by the family and also by the ROTC staff at Sam Houston State University - a program to which she and her WWII Ranger husband contributed so much time, energy and resources. Rest in peace, Mrs. Schuder, - you have done well... Ron Hudnell

Ron Hudnell - November 11, 2014 at 07:19 PM

PS

“ To Vernon's Family: Please accept our heartfelt condolences on your loss. We who knew Vernon from her stay at Ella Smither will miss her too. She was always gracious to share her musical talents with us on Sunday morning for Vespers when she was able. She not only loved music, she loved to share it. I remember one Christmas at the old building when the 'official' festivities were over she made her way to the piano, pulled her music out of the back of her wheelchair and began playing various Christmas songs and then doing requests from the other residents. It was a delightful time and will long be remembered. May God give you his comfort and may you share His joy in the homecoming of one of His own. Sincerely,

The Sunday morning Vesper team: Noah and Pat, Troy and Ginger, Neal, Kathy and Missy.

Pat Speer - November 10, 2014 at 07:40 PM

LD

“ Miss Vernon, as I called her, entered my life early through First Baptist with my grandmother, Ruby Davis, and she will stay part of my life forever. One glorious summer with my grandparents, I got to take guitar lessons for the two weeks I stayed in Riverside. She taught me my grandfather's favorite song, Sally Goodin', since he told her he would pay for my lessons but I had to learn Sally Goodin'. I was never very good, but I loved every minute of my lessons. These always concluded with a lesson on a second instrument before I'd leave. Miss Vernon and I shared a love for history and spent many conversations on the history of the area, Mr. Schuder's adventures, and our mutual love for travel and adventure. She had an influence on me that was as big as her personality and I just want you to know I am thinking of you all and happy that she had such a long full life and so glad I could visit with her over the years..

Leslie Davis - November 10, 2014 at 03:11 PM

LM

“ On behalf of the Bearkat Battalion and the Schuder's RANGER Company, please accept our condolences. Mrs. Schuder was a staunch supporter of our program, along with her husband, and will be truly missed. Her memory will last in our hearts forever.

LTC Robert McCormick - November 10, 2014 at 09:13 AM

LB

“ Please accept our condolences on behalf of the SHSU Military Science Alumni Club and the Schuder's Rangers of SHSU. Mrs. Schuder was a special person whose presence will be missed.

Larry Booth - November 10, 2014 at 08:55 AM

LC

“ Mrs. Fitzgerald was my band director at Willis High School. She always said "that she was dropping little pearls of knowledge" when she spoke to us about many things. I never forgot. I also had the pleasure of visiting with her and two other former band students in April of 2014.

It was Mary Jo Dean and Myrna Strickland. I would not take anything for my visit with her. It had been over fifty years since I had seen her and she was still dropping pearls of knowledge. It was wonderful and so was she. I am so sorry for your loss but what a great Heaven's gain.
She was so special.

Linda Bailey Collier - November 09, 2014 at 09:03 PM

KH

“ Dear Bill and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a band director to my dad, one of my brothers, and myself, and the source of many of the "pearls of wisdom" I dropped in my son's lap over the years. She was intelligent, funny, entertaining, wise, and so talented. She will be and has been in my memories for so many years. She was one of a kind.

Kaye Thornton Henry

Kaye Thornton Henry - November 09, 2014 at 07:30 PM

DD

“ Our sincere sympathies to Bill and the Fitzgerald families..Her many talents and works will always be remembered. May God bless you all now and in the future...

Dorothy Autery Duty - November 09, 2014 at 05:16 PM

ML

“ My sympathies go out to all of Miss Vernon's friends and family. She was a delight to know and have a conversation with. She was never boring and always interesting. I cherish my memories of her. Mae Sue Davis Leslie

Mae Sue Davis Leslie - November 09, 2014 at 02:21 PM

AW

“ Dear Bill and family. Your mother was one of a kind. Smart, musically talented, great roll model for all she taught in and out of classrooms over the years. She will be missed by all who crossed paths of life with her. Alfred A. Weinzierl

Alfred A. Weinzierl - November 09, 2014 at 08:56 AM

NJ

“ Bill, your Mother was an inspiration to all of us here in Lovelady. I loved her so much. She was the best Band Director on the face of the earth! I hope to be at her funeral! My love and prayers are with you all!

Norma Dell Jones - November 08, 2014 at 07:44 PM

MG

“ Your mom was an amazing lady-I know you know that. She was my piano teacher back in the early 70's. Another girl and I would ride the bus to her house there in Riverside. One week I would have my lesson first and the next week she would have her lesson first (we lived out at Ellis Unit). Every week she had a snack for us and then we did homework while waiting on the other to finish. I was always amazed about her musical talent and all the different instruments she had at home and how she would play some of them for us each week. She was such a gracious lady. I am thankful for the gift she shared with me all those years ago. Thank you and God bless you.

Mary Glass - November 08, 2014 at 05:45 PM

NW

“ Bill and family,
So sorry to hear of your Mom's death. She was an amazing lady. I will never forget our square dance group. What fun we had. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Nell Davis Waltz - November 08, 2014 at 10:05 AM

FK

“ I loved Cousin Vernon a lot. I will miss her but I know she will be with her loved ones who have gone before her. Vernon was the most amazing woman I have ever known. Musical beyond imagination. World traveler when women were expected to stay home. Entertaining story teller I know she is glad to be on her next adventure. Bill and family you cant be sad after the full life she lived. You are in my prayers she is reunited with the love of her life she never stopped grieving over Bills passing there is a lot of memories being buried with her I wish I knew half the history of our family that she knew The old aunts and Grandma are welcoming her to heaven

Freddy Koehl - November 07, 2014 at 07:51 PM