



Anna Jo Murray Risinger

November 25, 1932 - June 23, 2011

Anna Jo Murray Risinger, daughter of J.E. and Mary Lou Murray, was born November 25, 1932, in Reklaw, Texas and went to be with our Lord June 23, 2011, after a lengthy illness. She is preceded in death by her parents and infant son. Anna Jo grew up in Reklaw and graduated from Rusk High School in 1949. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees. While attending college, Anna Jo married the love of her life, James Risinger. In 1952, Anna Jo began her teaching career in Leverett's Chapel. While teaching in Leverett's Chapel, Anna Jo served as the president of the Rusk County chapter of the Texas State Teachers Association. After teaching in Leverett's Chapel for 7 years, Anna Jo and James moved to Deer Park, Texas and lived there for 48 years. While living in Deer Park, she taught elementary students in Deer Park and middle school students in Baytown and La Porte. Anna Jo also taught undergraduate education courses at the University of Houston. Even after Anna Jo retired from teaching, she continued teaching by leading a women's Bible study at Deer Park United Methodist Church, where she was a member for 48 years. Anna Jo enjoyed crafts and created many gifts for friends and family. She also enjoyed traveling and watching her grandsons in their many activities. Anna Jo was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend to all who knew her. As an example for all of us, Anna Jo walked daily with her Lord and invited others to walk with Him as well. She is survived by James, her husband of 60 years; daughters Luann Mire and her

husband, Patrick Mire of San Antonio; Beth Wilder and her husband, Clay Wilder of Henderson; and four grandsons: Alan Mire, Andrew Mire, John Wilder, and Ben Wilder. The four grandsons and son-in-laws will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request that donations be made to the following: Hospice of East Texas at 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701, First United Methodist Church at 204 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX 75652, and/or Deer Park United Methodist Church at 1300 East 13th St., Deer Park, TX 77536. The private family burial will be held at Walker Chapel Cemetery at 11:00, Saturday, June 25th, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. David Luckert and Rev. Ricky Ricks officiating at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Chapel in Henderson, Texas.

Tribute Wall

JA

“*Mrs. Risinger was my 6th grade american concepts teacher at cedar bayou. She was the only teacher to give me an award in from my entire school ever. I loved her dearly for that, and the fact that she recognized me as a good american.*”

john noel avalos - September 15, 2020 at 04:57 AM

JN

“*I am a cousin of Shirley and Paula and Faye Brown was my aunt I remember the good times as children that we had in Reklaw My prayers are with the family Love, Janeand i know you have some great memories of her*”

Jane Brown Nicholson - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“*Luann and Pat, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She's a beautiful lady and has obviously touched so many hearts. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*”

Sharlyn Kidd Hughston - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*I will always treasure our precious friendship, and especially our trips, and bridge games. Love you, Mary Weaver*”

Mary Weaver - June 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear James and Family, While we can not be with you at this time of grief, please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. What wonderful memories I have of Anna Jo as my seventh grade teacher. James, having you and Anna Jo as our neighbors growing up was so special having you in our family's lives. She will always be remembered.

Sue Baker-Blakely - June 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Sorry to hear about your Mom. Our prayers are with you and your family in the days ahead. I always remember the good times you shared with my daughter, Mandy.

Glendean Henderson - June 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ God has blessed Mrs. Risinger.

Jeff and Kiki Carroll - June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Anna Jo has touched many lives in her career as a teacher and then as a bible study leader. She will be missed but is now home with the Lord in eternal heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We love you Luann and Pat!

Robert and Tricia Najera - June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Mrs. Risinger was my favorite teacher at Leverett's Chapel. I was in her 7th grade English class. She was tireless in her teaching. I can still visualize her standing in front of the classroom at the chalk board explaining how to diagram sentences with prepositional phrases. She influenced my life more than any other teacher. I, too, became an English teacher. I always admired her. She was beautiful and neat as a pin!!

Carolyn Stevens Mick - June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Thanks for the precious memories. Each room of our home has something Anna Jo made or bought and gave me(Sammie) as a gift . You have been missed since moving to Henderson. I treasure your friendship and will always remember you. I will meet you in Heaven one of these days. Sammie

James and Sammie Sitton - June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM