



Ollie Fitzmorris McGillivary

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Ollie Lillian Fitzmorris McGillivary, daughter, mother, grandmother, and educator, well-known teacher, missions volunteer and wife, passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the age of 90. She was the daughter of the late Lawrence Casen (Loren) Fitzmorris and Larcie Lucille Bush Fitzmorris.

She was born in St. Tammany Parish, June 3, 1928. Her education began at Pilgrim Rest Elementary School. She and her two older brothers walked to and from school each day-about 2 miles each way, for over three years. When public country schools were consolidated, "Miss Ollie", then attended Covington Elementary School, Lyon Elementary, Covington High School (Elmer E. Lion High School). After graduation from high school, she did her undergraduate work at Southeastern Louisiana University. She majored in music and elementary education. While at Southeastern, she was president of Future Teachers of America, a member of Phi Mu Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Student Senate, Baptist Student Union and Publicity Editor of Louisiana Baptist Student Union.

She taught at Pearl River Elementary for half-a-year and a year at Lee Road Jr. High. Then she attended the University of Vermont graduate school. She furthered her graduate work at the University of Denver, University of Maryland, Shippensburg College of Pennsylvania, Los Medanos College and University of California, Berkley, California.

Other teaching positions include two years for the Department of Defense in the Far East, Pennsylvania, Florida, Washington, California and Louisiana where she retired. "Miss Ollie" has loved teaching all of her life. She started early in her life teaching pre-schoolers in church Sunday School. Throughout her life, she worked in churches as a teacher and/or music director. As the wife of a naval officer, she did a lot of volunteer work. These included teaching on Indian Reservations in Oregon and Washington State. She worked with the Navy Relief, Red Cross, sponsoring



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Vietnamese Boat People and families and refugees from the iron curtain-Hungary. She taught English to the Foreign Wives at the Naval War College in Rhode Island, using the Laubach Method/Course. She ended her teaching career with the St. Tammany Parish School Board.

She felt her life was a blest one, having vast opportunities, many wonderful adventures and encountering countless numbers of incredible people.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Covington, Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She volunteered at veteran's hospitals, veteran's homes, Forest Manor Nursing Home and Heritage Manor.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Philip Andrew McGillivray, who is a research scientist, lecturer and explorer; a daughter, Heather Kathleen Luster (Ron) who is a teacher, social worker and entrepreneur; two grandchildren, Jennifer Nicole Lee (Ethan) and the late grandson, Seth Philip Harner. She was the sister of Adrian, L.C., Willard, Jeron, Lucille and Glen Ray Fitzmorris. She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, family friends and former students, and sisters-in-law, Jean and Nancy Fitzmorris and Dot Southard.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433. A WAKE will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. VISITATION on Thursday, December 20, 2018 is from 12:30 PM until 2:00 PM. A PRIVATE GRAVESIDE SERVICE WILL FOLLOW THE VISITATION at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery, Covington, LA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Mrs. McGillivray to be made to the Ollie McGillivray Endowed Scholarship in Education at Covington High School, Covington, LA or Louisiana Children Baptist Home or First Baptist Church of Covington, Covington, LA. E.J. Fielding Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the E.J. Fielding Funeral Home online Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



Events

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Wake

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM CT

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Visitation

Thursday, December 20, 2018

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM CT

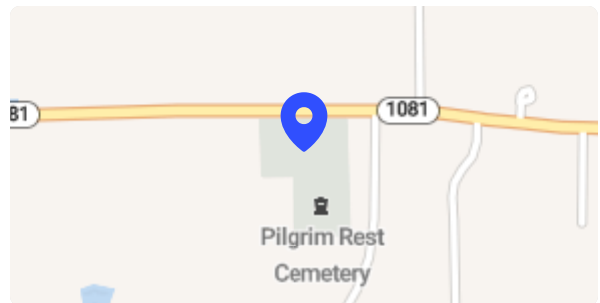
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PRIVATE Interment in Covington, LA

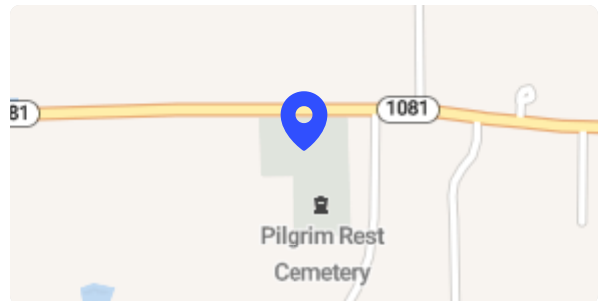
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CM

Cindy Morales lit a candle in honor of Ollie.

Mrs.Ollie I miss you so very much. You made such a difference in my life being my teacher back in the 90s and I promise your students will never forget you. May you Rest In Peace 🙏❤️

May 13 at 7:05 PM



SB

Sherrie Buras posted:

Ms. Ollie was one of the sweetest, kindness, and caring people I have ever met. She was a wonderful teacher. So blessed to have known her. My sympathies for her family and friends in this time of loss.

December 22 at 8:20 AM

MQ

Melody Joiner- Quave lit a candle in honor of Ollie.

December 20 at 5:38 PM



MQ Melody Joiner- Quave December 20 at 5:44 PM

Ms. Ollie will always be remembered in my heart. She was a kind soul who was so kind to my son. She was always smiling and had a nice word for her students. She will always be remember.

KS

Kim Saragusa posted:

Ms. Ollie, will be missed for sure, she left a lasting impression on my family. Such a wonderful spirit who had a tender hand with Anthony in T-1 so many years ago. Her kindness and smile I still see. Thank you.....

December 20 at 9:55 AM

KW

Kari Wichers posted:

You were such a sweet and caring teacher, my son had you back in the 90's at Folsom Elementary. You will never be forgotten by your former students and their parents as well.

December 20 at 7:46 AM



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PP

Pamela Pegues posted:

You were always such a dear friend to everyone and will be missed tremendously. It was an honor and a privilege to have worked with you at Folsom Elementary many years ago. I wish you could stay here with us, but now you are in the heavenly arms of our Lord. You will always be a part of the little angels you've taught and I'm grateful you were here to guide their way to realize all their dreams. Your friend forever, Pamela Pegues

December 19 at 3:21 PM

GS

Gayle Schneider posted:

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Ms. Ollie. When we lose a loved one here on earth we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. Ms. Ollie was a beautiful soul, full of love and faith. She was a woman of distinguished humanity for everyone especially for the young children she taught. Nothing is more painful in life as the passing of a jewel. Ms. Ollie was a colleague and friend that I appreciated and admired. She will remain forever in my memory. Love you forever, Ms. Ollie! Gayle Schneider

December 19 at 1:08 PM

GG

Gwen Gole posted:

Ms. Ollie was an example for us all of a Godly, loving, caring, independent lady who touched countless lives with kindness. She enjoyed life everyday and will be greatly missed by so many.

December 19 at 6:32 AM

MA

Mary Core Abell posted:

I was a speech-language path. at Folsom Elem School for a few years and LOVED "Miss Ollie". She was definitely a gift to children who were just beginning their scholastic journey and was loved by all. She is one who well deserves her reward in Heaven and will be sorely missed here on Earth! Sincerely, Mary Core Abell, Dallas, TX.

December 19 at 4:47 AM

JH

John Heindel Jr posted:

🙏🌲😊🎵🎵..... just from a friend 😊..... cool lady ! NOLA...

December 18 at 11:11 PM



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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McGillivray family.



December 18 at 8:06 PM



Rhonda Blackwell lit a candle in honor of Ollie.

Mrs. Ollie was such a special friend to me and to so many others. She always had a smile on her face and always kept me laughing. This world will not be the same without her in it. Her faith in God was strong and evident in her words and deeds, and I have no doubt that she was greeted with, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." I will love you forever, Mrs. Ollie! Rhonda Blackwell



December 18 at 4:02 PM



Richard Perl posted:

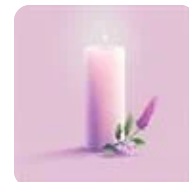
Miss Miss Ollie, was a blessing to all the lives she touched and will be missed greatly. Dick and Mary Perl

December 18 at 12:35 PM



Diane Bourgeois lit a candle in honor of Ollie.

Ms Ollie was a blessing and a joy to many students, fellow educators and friends. Her wisdom and advice was sought and appreciated. She shared her faith, love and concern with all who came her way. She was a true friend and will continue to be an inspiration. We will always remember her with love and gratitude.. ❤️



December 18 at 12:13 PM



Beth Core Crow posted:

Miss Ollie will be missed at First Baptist, Covington. She always had a smile and hug for everyone. She lived a long wonderful life. She was blessed to go so quickly to be with her Lord and Saviour. She was so loved and will be missed. Rest in peace Miss Ollie! I love you. Beth Core Crow

December 18 at 11:54 AM



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SH

Sissie Huffman posted:

Miss Ollie was such a blessing and an inspiration to so many. She taught some of our children, had Bible study with my mother, always had a smile and hug for everyone and was a wonderful example of a woman of God. She is loved and will be missed. Sissie Huffman

December 18 at 11:18 AM

LB

Lilly Bedo-Ball lit a candle in honor of Ollie.

My sweet Ms. Ollie was a wonderful teacher and most of all a dear friend. I love her from the bottom of my heart. She was a special part of my life. She was always calling to check on me and my family. Her heart was so big. I will miss her so much. I have many wonderful memories of her from throughout the years. Love you always, Ms. Lydia.



December 18 at 9:56 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ollie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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