Burneva Delancey Ellzey

July 22, 1922 - August 21, 2022

EVELYN BURNEVA DELANCEY ELLZEY

Was born in Bogalusa on July 22, 1922 to the late Letha Mae Pittman Delancey and T.W. Delancey and went to her heavenly home on Sunday August 21, 2022 at the age of 100 years. She lived a long and blessed life and she was extremely proud, just one month ago, to celebrate her 100 birthday with her entire family and close friends. After spending much of her childhood in Bogalusa, the family moved to Pine, where she graduated from Pine High School in 1939 before attending Soule Business School in New Orleans. She married the late William J. Ellzey in 1943 and together they raised their 3 daughters in Pine. Burneva earned her degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and taught business education for over 20 years at Pine High School. After her husband's death, she obtained her Special Education certification from Southeastern Louisiana University at the age of 73 and returned to Pine to serve her beloved students. Burneva was described in a newspaper article by Bob Ann Breland in 1999 as "an educator teaching with a full heart" and she most certainly did to countless young people through the years.

Burneva was an active member of several organizations during her life, including the Eastern Star, the Franklinton Garden Club as well as serving at the Flower House at the Washington Parish Fair and other committee

memberships. She a charter member of Pine First Baptist Church and spent many years serving the Lord at Pine, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Edna Baptist Church and Angie Baptist Church, as she attended each at different times during her lifetime. In the 1980s, she was sent by the Home Mission Board for mission work in Arizona and she spent many summers serving at the GA's Camp in Alabama. After living again in Bogalusa later in life, she then moved for the final time to Columbia, MS, where she loved hosting her family for Sunday dinners and other special occasions. Burneva was honored, along with her daughter Jean, as Grand Marshalls of the Pine High School Homecoming Festivities in 2014. She was a woman of faith, family and service. Her legacy will live beyond her years in the lives of her family, church friends and many beloved students.

Survived by:

3 Daughters and Sons in law: Joan and James Kirby of Pensacola, FL,
Jean Knight of Pine,
Tommye and Clyde Woodward of Columbia, MS

Grandchildren and Spouses: Christopher and Catherine Woodward,
Sonya and Robbie Gates all of Columbia,
Jodie and Jim Gasquet of Belle Chasse, LA,
Wendy and Brian Miller of Pine,
Dustin and Kolbi Knight of Improve, MS,
Erin and Tony Gleason of Pensacola,
Michael and Stacey Kirby of Leonardtown, MD,
Connor Kirby of Portland, ME

Great-grandchildren: Jay, Jack and Jillian Gasquet,
Koby, Kaitlin, and Kole Miller,
Kade, Kolt, Lilli, Kash, and Knox Knight,

Riley and Andrew Gleason,
Caroline and Foster Kirby

Sister: Sue Martin Lowery and her daughters Jenny Branch and Pam Ledet

Also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and former students.

She was also preceded in death by son in law Ronald Knight, granddaughter Elizabeth Kirby, special aunt Velma Seal and many childhood friends.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home on Wednesday August 24th from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Visitation will continue Thursday at Pine First Baptist Church (27043 Hwy. 62, Franklinton) from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. A funeral service will be held in the church at 11:00 am Thursday with Rev. Larry Mizell and Rev. David Easterling officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to all the caregivers that provided loving support to Burneva through the years.

Pallbearers are grandsons and great-grandsons Chris, Dustin, Michael, Koby, Jay, Andrew and Kole

Honorary Pallbearers are her granddaughters and great-granddaughters

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

JN

I had Ms. Burneva as my high scool typing teacher at Pine. She was sweet but firm and my reason for saying that is this fond and often to this day remembered memory of her "teaching style" with me...LOL! I still remember what she'd do to me when she would walk by my desk in class and catch me looking at my fingers and the KEYS on my typewriter! Sometimes she would just quietly scold me and other times she would put a piece of paper OVER my keys and I would have to type with my hands UNDER the paper! Boy, what a mess that was! You could hardly decipher what I had typed! I am almost 70 years old and today as I type this on my laptop I hate to confess that I am looking at my fingers AND the keys to be able to tell this heartwarming memory of this beautiful and sweet former teacher! If I didn't do the "NO NO" you probably would not be able to make sense of what I have typed here! I love you sweet lady and you lived a long and productive like even going back to school late in life to be able to continue to help and mold MANY people who needed your skills to get trough life and make a career for themselves. THANK YOU! (and please forgive me for neer learning to type on ANYTHING without looking at my fingers and the keys!" My beloved Mama (Margie Pope) who passed in 2020 could type (correctly) about 120 words per minute and use an adding machine like nobody's business looking at her LEDGER BOOK and had one had on the adding machine and NEVER glanced up from the ledger book...cause she knew where THOSE keys were by memory too! R.I.P. sweet lady as I think about you lots of time as I (TRY) to type! I will light a candle here for you! Much Love and Memories...JOY "POPE" NIELSON

Joy Nielson - August 31, 2022 at 05:07 PM

JN

Sorry, I STILL SPELLED a few words wrong! Joy

Joy Nielson - August 31, 2022 at 05:13 PM

Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of Burneva Delancey Ellzey.

August 30, 2022 at 04:29 PM

SB

What a blessing to have known and loved Mrs. Ellzey for so many years. She had an enormous impact on my life. Not only did I learn great typing skills under her teaching, but she also nurtured me personally. She leaves all of us a legacy of love, dedication, service, faith, and high standards. I want to be more like her when I grow up! To Jean, Joan, Tommye and the entire family, I pray for your peace and strength as you make your journey through grief and celebration. Hugs for all.

Shirley Bordelon - August 25, 2022 at 03:36 PM

BK

Brenda Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Burneva Delancey Ellzey

brenda kennedy - August 25, 2022 at 12:46 PM

LW

Mrs, Ellzey had such an impact on my life. She taught me typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping at Pine. She was also our Senior class sponsor. She took us to the Worlds fair in San Antonio. I will never forget her dedication and love for her students. May God grant you, her family peace and comfort as you lay her to rest.

LaJune Williams - August 23, 2022 at 11:48 AM

BS

I feel so blessed to have known Mrs. Burneva as a model teacher and human. She set the bar high! The skills that she taught me prepared me not only for my personal career, but also for the opportunity to serve my community through various organizations. Joan, Jean and Tommye, she left you the best kind of legacy! May God bless and comfort each of you and your families as you honor (and grieve) this great lady!

Brenda Ard Simon - August 22, 2022 at 06:52 PM

MB

Mrs. Ellzey was a very special teacher so many students at Pine High School. She taught us skills that we use to this day. May God comfort you all during this sad time in your lives. Mary Thomas Beall

Mary Thomas Beall - August 23, 2022 at 10:05 PM

EM

May God bless the family as you grieve and honor your mother. Mrs. Ellzey was a blessing to a lot of lives. Typing is still a skill I learned from her! Love all of you.

Elane Martin - August 22, 2022 at 05:36 PM