



Dr. Agnes Mildred Tabares

July 11, 1924 - August 6, 2010

Dr. Agnes Mildred Tabares, 86, of Greenwood, and formerly of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, August 6, 2010 at Kindred Hospital in Greenwood.

She was born July 11, 1924 in Cardenas, Cuba, a daughter of the late Raúl Pedro Guitart and Maria Josefa Crüell. She came to the United States fleeing Castro's Regime in 1961.

She married the love of her life, Herland José Tabares on August 24, 1951.

She began her teaching career at La Progresiva Junior College in Cardenas, Cuba in 1947. She graduated from the University of Havana with a B.A. in 1945 and in 1949 received her first Ph.D. from there as well. She held Ph.D's in Philosophy and Spanish Literature and also earned a Masters Degree from Ball State University in 1969.

Teaching was her passion and after fleeing Cuba in 1961 she began teaching for the New Castle School Corporation in 1963. She taught there for 24 years mostly at Chrysler High School where she was Head of the Foreign Language Department. She touched many lives throughout her career. She belonged to the NEA, ISTA, NCEA, AATSP, ISFLTA, Henry County RTA, Delta Kappa Gamma, ISRTA, and the AMG.

Agnes attended Westminster Presbyterian Church in Muncie for over 20 years and enjoyed music, cooking, reading, translating and interpreting. She had a great love of the ocean and enjoyed swimming very much. She received The DAR Americanism Medal in 1988 for her various speeches regarding her love

of the United States and exemplifying Patriotism.

She is survived by her husband, Herland J. Tabares of Greenwood; her daughter, Maria Tabares of Greenwood; and a niece, Lilliana Mendez-Soto of Sacramento, CA.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Dr. Lillian Mendez-Soto and Dr. Eddie Guitart.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Gary R. Cox officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dr. Agnes Tabares.

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Dear Mom, You were my best friend and I really miss talking to you every day. You were my biggest fan and I will always remember and appreciate that fact. You were so unselfish with your love and nurturing and I miss that too. There are really no words to express the loss that I feel and the void that will forever be with me. I know that you are in a very happy place and you deserve that. You were the nearest thing to a perfect human being that I have ever seen in my life. There will never be anyone like you. I am so proud of everything that you did. You touched so many people's lives and many ways. Someday we will see each other again. Until then I will be thinking of you every day. I love you Mom.

Maria Tabares - October 05, 2010 at 04:52 PM

MC

“ siento mucho la muerte de Dr Agnes

M.Paulo Cubas - August 28, 2010 at 06:45 PM

JJ

“ Agnes was my Spanish teacher from 1971-1974. I loved that woman. She was so friendly & easy going. I don't think she ever had a bad day. She was such an inspiration. She told of getting up at 4am to study for exams. We studied the language and the culture. She brought her guitar to class & sang "Guantanamera." She gave us recipes for "arroz con pollo" which I still have. We went on field trips to eat tacos at the local Mexican restaurant. I am most grateful for the memory work she had us do. After 36 years I can still recite "La Rosa Blanca" by Jose Marti (she would give me "cien puntos" and a "muy bien!"). Agnes loved her students. Teaching was not her job, it was her life.

Jesse E. Adams Jr. - August 13, 2010 at 11:09 PM

SL

“ Dear Herland and Maria, It was with great sadness that I learned of Agnes's passing. She was a lady in every sense of the word and was one to be greatly admired and emulated. I especially remember how incredibly kind and caring she was to my sons, Alex and Kelly when they worked in the summers for Herland and Agnes. They both thought she was certainly a "second grandmother"! We all loved her and will miss her. May God be with you at this time of your grieving. Sincerely, Susan Leonard

Susan Luellen Leonard - August 12, 2010 at 07:00 PM

JC

“ I still remember walking up to that chair that sat next to her desk and having to answer questions in Spanish...Her teaching helped me to test out of several Spanish classes in college. God bless you, Senora Tabares!

Jennie Stearns Cooper - August 11, 2010 at 10:21 AM

BJ

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Tabares' family. She was a brilliant and caring teacher who shared so much about Spanish and her Cuban heritage. She also taught me that no can take away my education or faith and that it is an honor to be a U.S. citizen whether by birth or by choice. I am grateful to have been one of her students.

Bernette Jenkins-Pleas - August 11, 2010 at 10:13 AM

TL

“ A very elegant woman. She motivated students and sincerely cared about their welfare and education. Many fond memories of a lovely woman.

Teresa Lawrence - August 10, 2010 at 11:21 PM

LA

“ she as well as her husband touch my life in so many ways my 2 years with her i learned even if she could not understand the muscles in my tongue would not work i think of her often as i do you bless you for all you have added to my life you maria and the rest are in my prayers if i had a van i would be there but no van love and prayers

Lynda Alberson - August 10, 2010 at 04:51 PM

SS

“ She was a very special person, and such an inspiring teacher. She will remain forever in my heart and memories. She will be sadly missed. My sympathy to the family!

Sherry (Sloan) Storms - August 10, 2010 at 04:39 PM

NB

“ Querido tío y prima,
La presencia de tía permanecerá viva en el legado que ella ha dejado con tantas vidas que ella tubo la bendición de tocar e impactar. Sin lugar a dudas ella está en la presencia del Todopoderoso libre y feliz. Un día también nos volveremos a ver. Que la paz de Dios los conforte y aliente.
Nory y Jerry

Nory Baker - August 10, 2010 at 03:44 PM

JP

“ Maria,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

Janet Price - August 10, 2010 at 01:38 PM

DB

“ *The world will miss this wonderful woman. May God surround her husband Herland and close family with peace and strength and may all family and friends be comforted in this time.*

David Baker - August 10, 2010 at 12:10 PM

JS

“ *Dear Maria and Mr. Tabares, I am sorry for your loss. After just losing dad, I know what your going through. May the thought of her being in a better place and not having to suffer any more comfort both of you.*

Jim Scotten - August 09, 2010 at 08:28 PM

CR

“ *Fue mi maestra en segunda ensenansa del colegio LA progresiva, como persona y como maestra fue una persona ejemplar*

Celia Rueda - August 09, 2010 at 04:41 PM

JR

“ *I made a donation in memory of Dr. Agnes to the Alzheimer's Association on line. She will always be in my memory.*

James A. Robbins - August 09, 2010 at 01:27 PM

JS

“ *Maria: My sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Mother. I will keep all of you in my prayers.*
Peace,
John

John Schaffner - August 09, 2010 at 10:19 AM

RS

“ *My condolences to Maria and Herland Tabares. What a great family. I am so blessed to have you in my life. Rhonda*

Rhonda Scarberry - August 09, 2010 at 08:09 AM

IR

“ *You was my Best teacher in Cuba, our loving memories of you remain in our hearts every minute of every day..... Ahora estara en el cielo, cuidandonos y guiandonos por los mejores caminos. Gracias por todo.*

Irmira - August 08, 2010 at 01:43 PM

PW

“ *Maria,
We are thinking of you at this most difficult time. You are in our prayers.
Pam Wade*

Pam Wade - August 08, 2010 at 12:11 PM

Jl

“ *Dear Maria and Mr. Tabares,
Mrs. Tabares has always been an inspiration to me. I will never forget walking in to her Spanish class for the first time. I was so excited to begin studying with such a special teacher.
Every Thanksgiving, I remember Mrs. Tabares' speech that she gave to us in class. It was so inspiring, and made us thankful for all the blessings and freedoms we enjoy in this country.
She was a very special person, and someone I will always remember fondly.
My heart goes out to you at this most difficult time. Please know you are in my prayers.
With much affection, Jane Irwin*

Jane Irwin - August 08, 2010 at 12:06 PM