



Phyllis Honaker Needleman

August 23, 1927 – January 8, 2010

(From Pivont Funeral Home January 2010)

Phyllis Honaker Needleman, 82 of Pipestem, died Friday January 8, 2010 at Heartland of Raleigh in Beckley following a long illness.

Born August 23, 1927 in Hinton, she was the daughter of the late Thomas A. & Verdia M. Keaton Honaker.

Phyllis was a popular graduate of Hinton High School in 1945 after four years of unceasing scholastic and extracurricular activities. She was a graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, earning an AA degree, a graduate of Concord College with a BS and a Masters in counseling from Marshall University.

In 1952 she was employed by the Civil Service teaching the American children of the servicemen that were stationed in foreign countries. During this time, she was privileged to travel to over 38 countries. After returning to the U.S., she taught at Henry Filer Junior High School in Hialeah, Florida as a Guidance Counselor and English for 20 years. She also taught speed reading and was excellent at the skill. Phyllis was intellectually gifted and generously helped many, many people who were struggling or needed encouragement.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Needleman. Also by a sister, Mattie (Madge) Butts.

Surviving relatives include a brother, Roy Lee Honaker, Sr. of Hinton. Nephew, Butch Honaker & wife Sandy of Hinton. Nieces, Loretta Presley & husband Bill of Kenova, WV, Phyllis Repass & husband Jackie of Oceana, WV and Teresa Butts of Hinton. Foster sister, Kay Payne & husband Terry of Hinton. Special cousin, Aubrey Keaton of Pipestem, and many other cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday January 12, 2010 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Pastor Butch Honaker officiating. Friends will be received from 1:00 p.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Beth-David Cemetery in Elmont, Queens New York later this week.