



Eulalia Magann

October 16, 2010

Princeton, WV- Eulalia Francisco “Feet” Magann, 95, of Glenwood Park Retirement Village, Princeton, WV, and formerly of Washington Street in Bluefield, died Saturday October 16, 2010 at a Princeton hospital. Born January 9, 1915 in Lynchburg, VA, she was a daughter of the late Everett Watson Francisco and Mae Marcum Francisco. Mrs. Magann had been a lifelong resident of Bluefield. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Bluefield since 1927 and was a recipient of the Honorary Life Membership Award from Presbyterian Women USA in 1993. She was a 1932 graduate of Bluefield High School, a 1936 graduate of Marshall University and received her Master’s in Education from West Virginia University. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and was the recipient of the Marshall University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997. Mrs. Magann was a veteran of the U.S. Navy WAVES, having served during World War II. Mrs. Magann was a teacher at Bluefield High School where she taught English and Spanish until her retirement. She also served as a Spanish Instructor in an Upward Bound program. She served for a number of years as the youth director at the Y.W.C.A. where she was Camp Director and in charge of the Y-Teen Program for several years. Starting out at Falls Mills, Camp Iva and the Y.W.C.A., she was a Water Safety Instructor through the American Red Cross, and was the Chairman of First Aid and Water Safety from 1936-1972. She received the Bluefield Chapter American Red Cross 60-Year Pin. Mrs. Magann was a faithful volunteer in the community. She volunteered for Literacy Volunteers of

America, teaching many children and adults how to read. She was a tutor for the Adult Learning Center in Princeton and was also on the Read Aloud Mercer County Board of Directors. She received the KIRKUS Award to Combat Illiteracy in 1992 and the 30 Star Salute to Literacy in 1992. She also volunteered thousands of hours at St. Luke's Hospital. She was awarded the Athena Award in 1997. Mrs. Magann was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the V.F.W. and was a 1990 recipient of the American Legion Post #9 Distinguished Citizenship Award. She was an avid traveler, having visited 120 countries and all seven continents. In assisting women in reaching their full leadership potential, she shared her travel experiences with Civic Clubs, Services Clubs, Schools and Churches in Mercer, Tazewell and Bland Counties. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Wesley Magann in 1965; and one son, Pete Magann in 1976. Left to cherish her memory are one son, Everett Magann and his wife Marcia of Little Rock, AR; five grandchildren, Michael Magann and his wife Victoria of Bluefield, WV, Christianne Ferrell and her husband Bobby of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Chris Magann and his wife Katherine of Little Rock, AR, Jim Magann and his wife Heather of Columbia, SC, Melissa Magann of Jackson, MS; eight great-grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Elaine Sarvis of Pawleys Island, SC. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Tuesday evening, October 19, 2010 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday October 20, 2010 at 11:00 AM from First Presbyterian Church in Bluefield with Dr. W. D. Hasty officiating. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers. Military graveside honors will be rendered by the Mercer County Veteran's Council and the West Virginia Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 208 Tazewell Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Eulalia Francisco "Feet" Magann.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eulalia Magann*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Pat, I have fond memories of your mother from the years I spent in the Y-Teens and as a camper at Camp IVA in the early 1960's. Those were unforgettable times. She was definitely a role model -- one of the most giving and caring people I've known. My family moved away from Bluefield in 1964, but I have thought about Feet many times since then. I remember your father and brother, as well, especially when I think of the week-ends at Camp IVA for the Y-Teens and Scouts when we attended Fairview Junior High. You're from a great family! Both of your parents touched many lives in a lasting way.*

Margie (McMeans) Walthall - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *What a legacy your mother has left you. She influenced many teens lives, including mine. I was fortunate to have her as my mentor through Y-Teens and working for her at Camp Iva. She will be truly missed!*

Patty Hayes Plauger - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JP

“ Dear Pat and Family, My heartfelt sympathy to you all. I was a young girl attending Y-teens when I first met your dear mother and I have nothing but fond memories of her during those turbulent times of segregation and how she made us feel welcomed at the Y. I will never forget her kindness to me and my friends as we struggled to be treated with equality. She did her part and I am grateful for those memories. Know that she is now resting in her heavenly home in the arms of the Lord and that you will one day see her again. You will remain in my prayers. Sincerely, Jackie Littlejohn Poe

Jackie Littlejohn Poe - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ A wonderful neighbor and mentor, she was like a second mother to me. She taught me my life saving class and then hired me to lifeguard at the old Y. I grew up playing in her yard, and stoking the coal fires in the apartments behind her house. My wishes and prayers go out to Pat and his family in this loss.

Jack W. Ball - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BS

“ Dear Pat, Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your dear mother. We sent you and Marcia a card yesterday when we got the news, but realize you won't get it until you return to Little Rock. If it hadn't been for the foot surgery and being slightly immobile, we would've tried to come to Bluefield for the service tomorrow. But it was just a bridge too far. Rest assured you and your family are in our prayers as we'll be there in spirit. Feet Magann was an admirable woman who did great things for many people. We shall never forget her. With all our love, Bill and Karen

Bill and Karen Spracher - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ I am deeply sorry to hear of Eulalia's passing. When I would travel south, I would stop to visit her. She was a dear, dear cousin to me. She was so proud of all of you and always filled me in on "the latest" going on in your lives. My heart is aching for you that you have lost someone so near and dear to you. She cannot be replaced. May God ease your pain and sustain you through this terrible loss. With love, Theresa

Theresa Blake - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JC

“ Dear Pat, As you know, your mom was very special to many. To me, Camp Iva, WSI and her smiling face at the Y. Hope to see you at the reunion next year. Love, Jane

jane thacker costa - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ML

“ Mary and I were sadden to hear od the passing of "Feet." She was a wonderful and loving person that touched many lives at Bluefield High School and as a tutor at local libraries. Her wonderful stories of her travels and her caring for her students was something to behold. We will miss her.

Mary & James Leedy - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Magann will be truely missed by me. I remember what a wonderful teacher Mrs. Magann was at Bluefield High School and she was a great inspiration with the y-teens. She is resting in the loving arms of Jesus and telling the heavenly angels about her great works , educational travels, and inspiring service to the community.

Monika Watkins - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MS

“*Mrs. Magann was an inspiration! She was my favorite teacher! Marsha Smith Huntington High School Spanish Teacher BHS Class of 1979*

Marsha Smith - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MB

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KH

“ For the Family, How saddened I am to learn of the death of dear "Feet". We go back to the 1950's at Camp Iva, swimming instruction and lots of activity through the "Y". I can still see Feet at camp with her two small boys when they would come to visit--she loved those visits so much. She was a very real role model in the lives of countless young girls and teenagers in those days and we all loved her. Her spirit lives on, not only with her family, but in the hearts of hundreds of "those young girls". I will always remember her. May the good Lord bless all the family and take good care of our Feet. Kay Fleming Hendrickson

Kay Fleming Hendrickson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM