



Olga Clapp

June 25, 1921 - October 21, 2012

ROANOKE, VA - Olga Gorchick Clapp, 91, of Roanoke, VA, formerly of Bluefield, WV passed away Sunday, October 21, 2012 at her home with her children present. She was born on June 25, 1921 in Ramsey, OH, the daughter of Julius and Rosie Gorchick. She was a graduate of Welch High School and Bluefield State College. She was a retired teacher having taught Social Studies at Bluefield High School for 20 years during which time she was an active member of the Alpha Delta Kappa Teacher's Sorority and sponsor of The Future Teachers of America. During retirement, she stayed busy with golf, gardening, and grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading, jigsaw and crossword puzzles even up to a few days before her death. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Hart Clapp; daughter, Glenis Maria Clapp; sisters, Sophia Stepp, Mary Schumer, Anne Moats; brothers, Frank and John Gorchick. She is survived by her children, Frances Brooks of Scott Depot, WV; Dr. Debra Clapp and husband Dr. Robert Whitehurst of Roanoke, VA; Richard (Bud) Clapp and wife Susan of Bluefield, WV; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and by her sisters, LeeAnn Cumbie of Claremont, CA and Rose Marie Beister of Springfield, OH. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Tuesday evening, October 23, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, October 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Mercer Funeral Home with the Rev. Tony Reed officiating. There will be a visitation period for an hour before the service. Burial will follow at Monte Vista

Park Cemetery. Pallbearers include Kristopher Brooks, Robert Clapp, Mark Clapp, David Heath, Marcus Kaplan and David Whitehurst. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Maple View Church of Christ, Mercer County Bible in the Schools or the Bluefield High School Band. Those wishing to share memories or condolences with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

WP

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Wyatt Potter - September 17, 2024 at 08:37 AM

IS

“ Lots of love ❤️❤️❤️❤️🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

Isaac Smith - May 14, 2024 at 09:42 AM

MH

“ Share a memory of Olga Clapp or send condolences to the family.

Mercer Funeral Home - April 24, 2024 at 09:03 AM

SA

“ Fly high sister 🙌🕊️🕊️🕊️🙏🙏

Samual - April 21, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JU

“ ol gorchie was the sweetest. i remember one time at the penny theater that sh made us laugh that whole movie. it was a good time. she will be missed by all especially samson

judy - March 19, 2024 at 08:59 AM

CH

“ She always touched my heart. 🥹🥹❤️❤️🙏🙏 FLY HIGH GIRLIE
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Charles - December 18, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Olga Clapp*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *so sorry to hear this, i know ollie had a very rich life with chi oildren who actually loved her and took care of her. unlike my male siblings with my mother annie . ollie was a cool and inspirational woman . i will miss her . barbie*

barbara moats - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Debbie & Bud, It's been a long time since I last was with you, Olga, and Hugh and I can't express to you enough how much they meant to me. Olga told it like it was and I loved her for that. Hugh, had one of the most pleasant laughs and smiles one could imagine. I rememed tyhe good times with them, especially in the kitchen making rock candy or a tasty potato dish from a family Gorchick receipe. You two were really blessed to have parents as good as them. You are in my prayers. Frank*

Frank Carter - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *RIP Ms. Clapp. Of all the teachers I had in my years at BHS (Class of 84) you are one of the few that stand out in my memories. You always made it interesting. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Thanks for the memories!*

Martha Schleman (Wimmer) - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ME

“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to the family she was a great woman

Mike (egghead) Egnor - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

VS

“ I have such wonderful memories of Mrs. Clapp. She was trully one of the most inspiring and down to earth teachers I have ever had the pleasure of having taught me. Please know that that the family is in my heart and prayers. Love Vicki

Vicki D. Steele - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AA

“ Deb and Bud, I'm sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Fondly, Anna

Anna Mariotti Allen - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have such fond memories of Olga. Olga and I worked together in Europe as coordinators for America students in Europe during the summer of 1970. What fun we had! I also remember Debra and Rick, who were students. I thought of her often over the following years and we wrote to each other over the years, but we had not communicated in the last few years.

Thank you for letting me know about Olga. How considerate!

Mary Reed

Mary Reed - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JF

“ Please accept this as Bill and my sincere sympathy and prayers for you, Frances, and the rest of your family. I don't know if you will remember me or not. I was Joyce Long when we went to high school. I married Bill Fisher. Also your father, Hugh, worked with my dad, Ernest Long for a while in the elevator business. I sincerely understand what you all are going through. Bill and I lost our fathers in 1979 and I lost my mother in 1991. Bill lost his mother in 1984. We now live in Caldwell, Texas. Bill was transferred to Laredo, Tx in 2000 with AEP. Please know that we are truly sorry for your loss. May our wonderful Lord and Savior give you the peace that only he can provide. Sincere sympathy and prayers. Joyce and Bill Fisher.

Joyce Long Fisher - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JL

“ To: Debbie and family; Mrs. Clapp, my teacher of American History, was a beautiful person with a matching personality. Her persona was beyond everyday existence. Rest in peace Mrs. Clapp.

John O. Lowe - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GM

“ Debbie and Bud: We are so sorry for your loss and know that God's comforting hands will hold you during this difficult time. Debbie and I are thinking of you and praying for you.

Greg & Debbie Murphy - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

C(

“ Bud and Debbie, I will never forget the trip to Europe my junior year of high school. What a precious teacher and friend. She was the "true" model of a strong woman for girls in the 1970s...intelligent, strong and kind. I think many young women wanted to become teachers because of her example. Please know that I will be remembering you both in the days to come as you grieve her loss. God comes and makes His presence so real to us during these hard days. What a great love!!!

Cindy (Coppinger)Thompson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KB

“ Your mother was a wonderful teacher, person and most of all, friend. I have fond memories of her in the classroom and the good times we had in your home. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this difficult time. Keith Blevins

keith blevins - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SB

“ Deb, Rick and Family, I am so saddened to learn of your Mother's passing. As you must know, she meant the world to me. She was my mentor and my friend and she made a tremendous impact on my life. I still have the blankets she crocheted my children when they were born and the Christmas stockings she made for each of us. I remember her working her crossword puzzles in the lounge at Bluefield High School, and her "tell it like it is" approach. She kept us all in line and we all looked to her for advice and "mothering". She impacted many lives and especially mine. I loved her and I will miss her. Love to all, Sandy

Sandra S. Bailey - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ *Olga was so special to me. She was so accepting and loving. She emailed me often and always remembered my birthday with a card. I will truly miss her.*

Jane Saul - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TA

“ *I am a former student & Olga's & we jabe kept in touch since I left B'field in 1977. She was my History teacher in 11th & 12th grades.*

I am so saddened to hear of her passing. She was not only my favorite teacher, but was also a great encourager, mentor, & a good friend.

She crocheted me booties when I was taking her class. She let me borrow her daughters gown for a school dance. She even as much as offered to let me spend the night with her if the weather got too bad for me to drive to school. I had a tradition to send her a post card of all the places I visited, either on vacation or when I went on missions trips. She also crocheted my twin sons a blanket & sweater before they were born in 1981. She did so many things that had such an impact on my life.

Yes, I will surely miss hearing from Olga. She was a very 'special' friend. RIP Olga & may the Lord bless the family.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 NKJV)

Tammy Frost Almond - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JV

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Clapp. She was one of a kind. One of my favorite teachers and favorite people. Will pray for her family during this difficult time.

Jeanette Vernon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JM

“ I'm saddened by the news we have lost our Aunt Olga. Olga was my favorite Aunt of all my mother's sister's as she always spoke her mind and her unvarnished honesty was always so refreshing. My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family for their loss.

Jeff Moats - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ Ma Clapp was like a mother to me from the day I started my student teaching in 1973 until she retired. When I was out of line, she always called me "PearHead". God has a special place for this Wonderful Lady.

Duard Addington (PearHead) - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM