



Gladys Lowden Metz

November 3, 1923 - May 7, 2015

Gladys E. Lowden Metz (nee Kauffman) of Medford, NJ and formally of Mt. Holly, NJ and Burlington, NJ, passed away peacefully on May 7th, 2015 surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness. She was 91 years of age.

Born in Jobstown, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Clarence F. and Laura B. Kauffman. Beloved wife of the late Arthur H. Metz and the late Jay H. Lowden. Dear mother of Robert Lowden (Candace), Nancy Hustis (Bruce) and Jay Lowden (Dianne). Proud Grandmother of Larry Hodgkins (Anita), Laura Capra (James), Jeffrey Lowden , Jessica Floyd (Charles) and Kimberly Lowden (Michael Roberts). Great-grandmother of Emma Capra, Scarlett and Cassidy Lowden. Pre-deceased by a brother, Paul Kauffman, Survived by her sisters, Jane Miller, Marian Sivo and Laura Rossi, as well as her many nieces and nephews. She will be sorely missed by not only her family, but her many friends of all ages, especially close family friend, Albert Brown.

Gladys graduated from Pemberton High School, attended Westhampton College/University of Richmond, VA, graduating from Trenton State College, NJ. She went on to teach English at Rancocas Valley Regional HS for 21 years, opening up the eyes and minds of hundreds and hundreds of students to the great classics of American Literature. Many of her former students continued to keep in touch with her throughout the years by visiting, writing

letters and inviting her to their class reunions, as she was especially fond of the Class of '68!

An avid reader, Gladys enjoyed engaging conversation, playing bridge, world travel and a glass of white wine with ice! She was a long-time, devoted member of AAUW, the Westhampton College Alumnae Assoc., the Mt. Holly and Burlington County Historical Societies, the Alice Paul Institute and the NJREA.

Interment will be private. A memorial service in her honor will be held at 11:30 AM, Saturday July 11th, 2015 at the Protestant Community Church Cathedral of the Woods, 100 Stokes Rd., Medford Lakes, NJ 08055. 609-654-4220. A reception luncheon will immediately follow the service at the church.

The family requests that contributions be made in memory of Gladys Kauffman Lowden Metz to the May L. Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund of Westhampton College/University of Richmond. Donations may be sent to Advancement Operations, 28 Westhampton Way, University of Richmond, VA 23173. Arrangements by the Perinchief Chapels, Mt. Holly.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ Gladys Lowden Metz

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ Gladys Lowden Metz

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ I am seven years too late to do this, but I never learned what happened to Mrs. Lowden and just did a Google search. I am sorry for the loss of this great lady. She was a wonderful mentor to me, not just as an English teacher and literary magazine supervisor, but as a human being. She was one of the few teachers who took time to get to know me as a person, and tried to help me build up the core essence inside of me. She wrote to me after I graduated and when I just now thought "who is a person I would love to reconnect with but it's been way too long?" she popped into my mind. I am sure you know how great she was, very true to herself but also flexible to deal with all sorts of teenager personalities and quirks. I am thinking of her today and hoping her family is carrying on her lovely legacy.

Deborah Lohse, Class of 1985.

D.Lohse - April 21, 2022 at 11:32 AM

JF

“ Dear Mrs. Lowden,

I never stopped reading. Thank you.

John Friel, Class of 69

John Friel - June 04, 2015 at 09:55 AM



Timothy
Williams

“ Mrs. Lowden was a great teacher at RVRHS, and a blast as advisor for the Literary Magazine. Really supported my photographic work there. Always full of energy at school and in retirement, she was often seen walking briskly around Woolman, Buttonwood, and the Upper lakes in Mt. Holly, always beaming and waving. Will miss her....

Timothy Williams - June 03, 2015 at 12:17 PM

WF

“ I was saddened to read of the loss of your loved one. When we lose our loved one in death it is the most difficult time in our life. However, there is loving comfort in Psalms 55:22 to “throw your burden on God and he will sustain you..” Yes, no matter what we are facing God is there to help us get through it. May you continue to have the love and support from family and friends. I sincerely hope that this Bible message brings you a measure of comfort during this difficult time.

Williams' Family - May 16, 2015 at 12:30 PM

MB

“ *Mrs. Lowden was my favorite teacher at RV. She taught our Junior Honors English class. She was wonderful; so tough; and yet, her toughness never hid the fact that she cared so much for her students. I know she touched me in such a way that I will never forget her influence in my life. I enjoyed seeing her years later at the joint dinners that St. Paul's/St. Andrew's would have during Lent. I can do nothing but smile when I think of Mrs. Lowden and I am so saddened at her passing. She was one of a kind!*

Mia Baker - May 12, 2015 at 12:38 PM