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Beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many, Anne Dorman Sanford, 99, died peacefully on Monday, June 29, 2020, following a brief illness. Born to Hattie and Amos Dorman in Myrtle, MS, on January 29, 1921, Anne lived a full and faithful life.

Always a firecracker, Anne had a sharp and brilliant mind. She attended public schools in Myrtle, graduated magna cum laude from Mississippi State College for Women in 1942, and completed her Masters in Mathematics and Physics degree at Louisiana State University. After teaching junior college, she worked as an engineering aide at TVA in Knoxville, TN, where she met and later married Benjamin Franklin Sanford at Church Street UMC. Once they moved to Ripley, MS in 1952, she served as the chair and sole professor of mathematics at Blue Mountain College for 25 years while raising their four children.

She lived out her faith through a life of service in the church, serving in a variety of roles including Methodist Youth coordinator for 12 years, Annual Conference Delegate, and president of Wesleyan Service Guild and United Methodist Women. She served as cub scout den mother for her boys as well as helping with Girl Scouts with daughter Barbara. She deeply enjoyed playing bridge with her closest friends for 60 years. She was president of the American Association of University Women and the Worthy Matron of Order of

the Eastern Star.

Anne loved being active. She shared a lifelong love of tennis from her teen years and played until she was 89. Always a fierce competitor, she exhibited great perseverance on the tennis court as well as in her recovery from various setbacks and surgeries over the years. For all of her many accomplishments, family was her greatest pride and joy. She was affectionately known as “Memaw” to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved her dearly. She was extremely generous to family and to many charitable causes who have received one of her checks or gifts as a sign of her support. The last decade of her life was spent in Starkville where she enjoyed many connections with family, friends, church, and Mississippi State events.

The family wishes to thank Donice Graham and a team of angels for their kindness and care during her final years, which allowed Anne to maintain as much independence and quality of life as possible.

Anne is predeceased by her parents, husband, brothers; George, Ingram, and John Dorman and their spouses, and daughter, Barbara Anne Sanford Ruemke. She is survived by three sons; Dr. Benjamin Franklin Sanford, Jr. (Doris), Mahlon Dorman Sanford (Karen), and Herbert Cooper Sanford, II (Margie). She is also survived by eleven grandchildren; Bryan Ruemke, Rev. Emily Sanford, Ben Ruemke, Dr. Kim Sanford Bland (Will), Rev. Dr. Eric Sanford, Dr. Evan Sanford (Kim), Stuart Sanford (Christina), Eliot Sanford (Ranjita), Curt Sanford, Elizabeth Sanford Hare (Daniel), Kelley Sanford Bange (Keith), and nine great-grandchildren; Wilton Bland V, Selah Sanford, Ford Bland, Jackson Hare, Norah Sanford, Oliver Hare, Jude Sanford, Dash Sanford, and Robert Bland; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A private graveside service will be held in Tippah Memorial Gardens in Ripley with McBride Funeral Home of Ripley overseeing the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Ripley First United Methodist Church-302 S Main St, Ripley, MS 38663, Blue Mountain College: Anne Sanford Scholarship Fund- P.O. Box 160, Blue Mountain, MS 38610 or a

charity of your choice.

ATTENTION PLEASE NOTE AT THE FAMILY'S REQUEST THE LOCATION
OF THE SERVICE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO McBRIDE FUNERAL HOME
CHAPEL

Tribute Wall



“ *Anne Moss Dorman Sanford*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Dr Ben, Doris and Family*
Danny and I are thinking of you today. You all were so blessed with such a gracious lady for a Mother and Grandmother. May God's love and peace abide with you today and in the days to come. We love you all!
Love, Danny and Marilyn Rowland, Marla and Kevin Hare, Katy and Kurt

Danny Rowland - July 04, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Mahlon, Benjy, and Herbie,*

I never knew a more accomplished woman in my lifetime than your mother. She was all the things a woman should be - a loyal wife, mother, teacher, friend and servant of her Church. My first recollection is of her as our den mother in Cubs. My last but not least was not too many years ago when she and Mahlon invited me to eat supper with them in her home while he was here for a visit. I will always remember that. I have many fond memories of the Sanford family and want y'all to know what a blessing you have been in my life. May God comfort you in this time of need as only He can.

Donnie Cousar

Donnie Cousar - July 03, 2020 at 12:50 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Anne Moss Dorman Sanford*



Lois Watson - July 02, 2020 at 08:54 AM