



Esther "Granny" Parson

January 1, 1928 - December 20, 2011

ADRIAN – Esther “Granny” Parson, 83, of Adrian, passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at Bixby Medical Center.

She was born January 1, 1928, in Pomona, California, the daughter of Will and May (Turner) Bowen.

On July 17, 1966, Esther married Donald Parson in California. Don, her loving husband of over 45 years, survives.

For many years, Esther has been known and loved as “Granny”. Granny served as a Sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol. She was musically gifted and played the piano, organ and banjo. Granny loved animals and raised several orphaned squirrels. She was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Granny and Don loved their travels to visit family members.

Granny retired from the Adrian Public Schools in 1991 after many years teaching at McKinley and Alexander schools. Prior to that she taught in the Marshall Islands and southern California. One of her great joys was seeing her former students and learning about their lives.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their children: Charles “Michael”

(Linda) Bowe of Thousand Oaks, CA; Jonathan (Virginia) Bowe of Stevensville, MT; and Christine (William) Sapp of Savannah, GA; 9 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. She is also survived by Richard Clark and Anita Forsyth, whom she considered her adopted family, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by a son, Thomas Bowe; daughter, Cathy Tayler; grandson, Jonathan Bowe, Jr.; two brothers, Charles and William Bowen and a sister, Ruth Fite.

A memorial celebration of Granny's life will be held 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2011, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Linda Farley officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 4 to 5 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where you may send condolences at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther "Granny" Parson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your lose, I was a 3rd grade student of Grannys back in 1973, she was surly one of my favorite teachers as a youngster I still remember the song she wrote, about Adrian, that she taught us tho help us remember how to spell Adrian. I often wonder what or where she was teaching next. She will be missed. God bless her soul and your family as well. Daniel DeLaGarza.##imported-begin##Daniel Delagarza##imported-end##*

December 26, 2011 at 10:01 PM



“ *We have so many fond memories of Auntie Esther, She loved sitting on our patio in Colorado watching our squirls. We all loved her crazyness. She was a special person. She loved everyone and everything. She will be miss alot, We will miss her phone calls and sence of humor. She always cheered us up. Our kids always refered to her as the squirley aunt loveingly.Love to you Uncle Don Your neice Barb and Babe##imported-begin##Barb and Babe Anderson##imported-end##*

December 26, 2011 at 05:46 PM



“ Don, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Granny gave so much to everyone and always had a smile and laughter to share. She was filled with love and gave so much to us all. Granny celebrated life more than anyone I've ever known and she will be greatly missed. Love, Peggy###imported-begin###Peggy Snead###imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 09:15 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are sent to Don and family on Granny's passing. There will never another like her. Many are much better for having known her. I will never forgot her accompanying my very first elementary music program in 1970 at McKinley Elementary. "Here Comes Santa in a Red Canoe" was a hit! Love you Granny P.###imported-begin###David and Ann Guldin###imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 04:50 PM



“ Don,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and Granny touched so many lives, including mine. I have many sweet memories of her - playing music at church, helping with children's choir, our "pet" squirrel in 4th grade class.
May the Lord comfort you during this time.
Love,
Tiffany###imported-begin###Tiffany (Chandler) Hauser###imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 11:35 AM



“ The members of Lenawee County Retired School Personnel express their sympathy to the family of Esther "Granny" Parson upon the death of their Mother and Grandmother, and her husband. Through Esther's many teaching years, she influence young children; molding them into great citizens. Our love and prayers are with you today.##imported-begin##Jane Waldo##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 11:07 AM



“ dear God. you recieved an Angel today to watch over us all . I remember granny from 3Rd grade at Mckinley school she was my Favorite teacher she will be missed by all who loved her##imported-begin##Christine Paulson##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 09:00 AM



“ I didn't know Granny but I felt I knew her through the stories of her and Don's love of animals. The year escapes me but I'm sure there was an instance of a brood of ducklings that had fallen through a city drain and she and Don were trying to rescue them. I wish I could remember the details but I thought at the time that Granny and Don would be two people I'd never forget.

I felt a great kinship with her, even though we'd never met, and thus I am very saddened to learn of her passing.

I wish you great peace, Don.##imported-begin##sybil dccion##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 05:04 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy.
You're in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ed & Kris
Foor##imported-end##*

December 22, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ *Dear Parsons Family -*

You wife, mother, grandmother and friend made a huge impact in my life as my 3rd & 5th grade teacher. She made me feel valued when I thought there was nothing of value and loved me unconditionally. Thank you for sharing her with the world. Heaven has a new resident and earth will never be the same.

*Blessings to you all - Amy##imported-begin##Amy
Pierce##imported-end##*

December 22, 2011 at 08:28 AM



“ *Granny- You were and always will be the GREATEST teacher I've ever had. You always believed in every student even if we had a pea brain. I loved you dearly and just want to say Thank You for everything you have ever taught us students. You will be dearly missed. Grandpa Don Sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. R.I.P.
Granny##imported-begin##Laurie Wells Galvan##imported-end##*

December 22, 2011 at 07:00 AM



“ Where do I even begin, First I would like to say how very sorry I am for your loss Don. I have known granny for about 28 years. She was a frequent customer at Fenby's Restaurant. I so clearly remember as if it was yesterday her and grandpa Don coming in every Saturday morning ordering the same thing every week and sitting in the booth playing cards. (she always told me to watch for Don because she knew he was cheating) Granny had a way of making everyone she came in contact with feel special. I know she sure brightened my day every time I saw her. She was a very kind and loving person who will be greatly missed. R.I.P Esther, spread your cheer up above, I am sure my dad was there waiting for you when you arrived....##imported-begin##Joy (Henning) Fields##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 06:39 AM



“ Grampa Don, I was saddened to hear of Grannys passing. She was by far my favorite teacher and she will forever hold a special place in my heart.
My love and condolences to you and your family, always.
God Bless....##imported-begin##Lisa Flippo-Carson##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 12:31 AM



“ Granny- You were a Great and Beloved Teacher, Who made a Positive Impact on a Lot your Students (Myself Being one of them). You will Forever be Loved and Missed. RIP. See you on the Other Side. Tell Grandpa Duke I Love him and Give him a Hug and Kiss from me. Mr Parsons Thank you for sharing her with so many Students. I'm So Sorry for your Loss.##imported-begin##Marsha Summers##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 12:14 AM



“ Granny was my teacher at Mckinley school. I remember her love for frogs and her reward basket of my still favorite blueberry lifesavor suckers. :) I can say she was the best teacher ever I love and will miss you Granny.. RIP##imported-begin##Pauline Rosas Tames-Wright##imported-end##

December 21, 2011 at 11:18 PM



“ Dpnnie, So sorry to hear of your lose. I remember many good times and have fond memories of those. Do hope you will be alright and I wish you well. Please accept Raymond's and my sympathy. Ruth##imported-begin##Ruth (Parson) Henney##imported-end##

December 21, 2011 at 10:03 PM



“ Don, I'm so sorry to read of Esther's death. I enjoyed teaching with her when she was at Alexander and kidding with her at the old "Main Stop" I will miss her. Bill##imported-begin##Bill Barss##imported-end##

December 21, 2011 at 01:24 PM