



## Ms. Ethel Landrus Stafford

July 31, 1926 - March 10, 2018

Ethel Landrus Stafford, of Paragould, passed away March 10, 2018 in Jonesboro. A graveside service will be held on May 18 at 1:30 PM at Woodland Heights Cemetery in Rector. Officiating will be Chris Petty from the Seventh and Mueller Church of Christ in Paragould where Ethel was a member.

As the youngest child of Willis Edmond Landrus and Jessie Pearl Evans, she had one brother Jessie Landrus and two sisters, Opal Nutt and Pauline Reddick all who preceded her in death.

Survivors include nieces and nephews: Patty George, Dianne Adams, and Jessica Blume, Mack Reddick, Gary Nut and Tom Landrus, great nieces and nephews, great, great nieces and nephews, one great, great, great niece, Lilly, and one great, great, great nephew, Anthony whom she affectionately referred to as "that red headed boy". Also surviving are many other relatives and friends.

Although she had no children of her own, she considered so many of her students, the children of her Chateau Family, and children of relatives and friends who often visited her at the Chateau, to be her "kids". She especially enjoyed the ASU students who came there often as part of their training and spent time with the residents. Children have always been the light of her life

and brought joy to her heart.

Having taught in area schools during her 44 years in education, she spent most of those years in Rector, retiring as high school principal in 1988.

Having a giving heart and a will to help others, Ethel participated in various ways to help the community. She was active in the Rector Women's Club, Woodland Heights Cemetery Board, served as Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade, helped decorate the stage for the picnic and served meals at the Community Center. At the 5th and Pine Church of Christ where she attended services for many years, she also helped pack boxes with food and necessities for the service men and women who were deployed over seas which she greatly enjoyed. She went above and beyond to help her family through the years, spent hours singing to the kids from the old songbooks and teaching all of us the very best of manners. More special events...more special people in her life here on earth..far too many to list. It can truly be said that she was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Feel welcome to join us to honor her on May 18, and to share a good memory if you wish.

For any desiring to donate in her name, please give to your local causes and charities and to things that you know she loved, and especially to help those in need as she often did.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodland Heights Cemetery

N Woodland Heights Dr  
Rector, AR 72461  
<http://www.rectorarkansas.com/woodland-heights-cemetery.html>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Ethel was very good to my grandfather Melvin Stafford, especially in his final hours. Our family will be forever grateful.* ”

Kelly Messmer - April 05, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ *She'll be missed by many. Remembered for her fairness. Rest in peace!* ”



Ginger Young - March 28, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *A wonderful principal. She was an inspiration and will always be remembered.* ”



Shawna Bucy - March 28, 2018 at 12:58 AM



“ *I am so sorry to have just seen this in the Rector paper. I loved Mrs. Ethel she was a sweet lady and a great high school principal!!!* ”



Terrie Wheatley - March 27, 2018 at 10:07 AM



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**Tri-City Crematory Funeral Home. ~ Serving for over 10 Years** - March 21, 2018  
at 08:21 PM

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*Aunt Ethel and the little redhead.....Special friends!*

**Dianne Adams** - March 23, 2018 at 11:12 AM

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*Mrs. Stafford was so good to me in high school. I worked in the office with her and she was such a great inspiration to me.*

**Kelly Seay Hatfield** - March 30, 2018 at 04:37 PM

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*I am so sorry to learn of Ethel's passing. She was my teacher in elementary school and my principal later. I learned so much from her and I give her credit for what I became in life. She always encouraged me and supported me. She was such a wonderful person and would call me anytime she was near Oklahoma City. We shared wonderful stories and great affection. I will always hold her in my heart. My sympathy and my condolences to the family. We lost a remarkable friend.*

**Ron Stahl** - March 31, 2018 at 04:43 PM