



## Ruth Stewart Orrell

November 23, 2000

Ruth Stewart Orrell, of Wye Mills, died at the Memorial Hospital at Easton, on Thursday, November 23, 2000. She was 98.

Born in Oxford, April 6, 1902, she was the daughter of the late George Washington and Cora Delahay Stewart. After graduating from Oxford High School, she attended Towson State Normal School, which is now Towson State University. After graduation, she began teaching in Wye Mills in 1923. In the late 1930's, she transferred to Longwoods where she remained until its close in 1963, and she was the last teacher to teach in the Little Red School House in Longwoods. She completed her teaching career in a school at Cordova.

Following her retirement in 1965, she began full-time involvement in the family Maryland beaten biscuit business in which she had been engaged since 1934. Until her final illness, she remained active in the business, which is still run by the family today. A member of Wye Mills United Methodist Church where she had served as a Sunday School Superintendent and a member of the Board of Trustees. She was also a member of the Talbot County Public Schools Retired Teachers Association and the Queen Anne Rebecca Lodge # 94. Cited twice in the Congressional Record for her contributions to the State of Maryland, she was one of the principals responsible for the restoration of the Little Red Schoolhouse in Longwoods. Her husband, Herman M. Orrell, Jr.,

whom she married on June 17, 1925, died March 12, 1990.

Mrs. Orrell is survived by a son, Herman M. "Dick" Orrell, III, of Wye Mills; three grandchildren, Bonnie O. Reichert of Hudson, NH, Phillip S. Orrell of Easton; Betsy A. Skinner of Chestertown; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 27th, at 11 A. M. at the Wye Mills United Methodist Church, Wye Mills. Burial will be at Old Wye Church Cemetery in Wye Mills. Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, Easton, on Sunday, Nov. 26th, from 2 - 5 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to Wye Mills United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 267, Queen Anne, MD, 21657 or to Old Wye Church, P.O. Box 98, Wye Mills, MD 21679

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