



Thelma Nickerson O'Grady

February 5, 1928 - December 29, 2020

Thelma N. O'Grady, "Miss Nick," passed away Tuesday Dec. 29, 2020, at Abbey Manor Assisted Living in Elkton, MD. She was 92.

Mrs. O'Grady was born February 5, 1928 in Crumpton, MD, the daughter of the late Noel J. Nickerson and Sarah LeSage Nickerson. She was a 1945 graduate of Chestertown High School, and in 1949 graduated from Washington College. "Miss Nick," as she was known by her students, taught math and physical education for 43 years in Galena, first at Galena High School and then at Galena Middle School. She loved working with children and youth, and even in retirement she tutored and helped students. "Miss Nick" was also a Girl Scout leader in Galena for over 60 years. She was a true nature lover and strived to instill the appreciation of nature and outdoors in her scouts. She was also a member of Kennedyville United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Nickerson.

She is survived by one brother, Fred Nickerson of Monkton, MD; a nephew, Craig Nickerson (Drennan) of Timonium, MD; niece, Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson (Rick Dusek) of Monkton, MD; and several grandnieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. at Crumpton Cemetery in Crumpton, MD.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to the Kennedyville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 32, Kennedyville, MD 21645.

Cemetery Details

Crumpton Cemetery

Crumpton, MD

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

Crumpton Cemetery
Crumpton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I will always remember how wonderful Mrs Nick was to me. Camping with the Girl Scouts and just being around her was special. I have known her over 50 years. R.I.P. dear soul. Prayers to the family. Lana Guessford Grove*

Lana Grove - January 11, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *Jennifer And Marty Holden lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Jennifer and Marty Holden - January 07, 2021 at 05:24 PM

BL

“ *Brenda K Lyons lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Brenda K Lyons - January 06, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of
Thelma Nickerson O'Grady.*



January 05, 2021 at 02:32 PM

DF

“ *Dana Fellows lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Dana Fellows - January 04, 2021 at 08:57 PM

DB

“ *Doris George Bramble lit a candle in memory
of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Doris George Bramble - January 04, 2021 at 05:35 PM

DB

Wonderful teacher and nice lady. She was a teacher when my father went to school, he was class of 56 she was my teacher and she was teaching when my son was in high school. She will be missed by all.

Doris George Bramble - January 04, 2021 at 05:39 PM

TG

“ *Tammy Gsell-Cannon lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Tammy Gsell-Cannon - January 04, 2021 at 04:22 PM

GJ

“ *Miss Nick, We will remember You !!! your love of all you did. Education, good citizenship & the pride of self-worth. Thank you. George J. Boyd Jr.*

George J. Boyd Jr. - January 04, 2021 at 02:48 PM

TS

“ *Toni L Schelts lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Toni L Schelts - January 04, 2021 at 12:33 PM


Michael
Allen

“ Miss Nick,

Hands down the best teacher I have ever had! She always went above and beyond with her students. I used to hate Algebra and after just a few months of her instruction, I was the resident expert others would come to for help. By instructing and holding me accountable, I was able to pass on the knowledge she taught to dozens of others. Imagine all of the people who have been touched and become better as people through these methodologies of all the vast subjects she taught...I would wager it is into the thousands, if not tens of thousands by now! So this is to you Miss Nick, as I do one last Algebra problem with the FOIL method you taught all of us :)



"In elementary algebra, FOIL is a mnemonic for the standard method of multiplying two binomials[1]—hence the method may be referred to as the FOIL method. The word FOIL is an acronym for the four terms of the product:

First ("first" terms of each binomial are multiplied together)

Outer ("outside" terms are multiplied—that is, the first term of the first binomial and the second term of the second)

Inner ("inside" terms are multiplied—second term of the first binomial and first term of the second)

Last ("last" terms of each binomial are multiplied)"

-Michael Boyd

Michael Allen - January 04, 2021 at 11:35 AM

ED

“ Ed lit a candle in memory of *Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Ed - January 04, 2021 at 08:56 AM

TA

“ Tara lit a candle in memory of *Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Tara - January 04, 2021 at 08:12 AM

DA

“ Miss Nick was an icon for kids in the Galena school system. She taught my dad, myself, bothers and even my son! Forever the Girl Scout leader, so many fond memories of camping out on her hill with the Scouts. She was a gem to all and will be missed. God bless you Miss Nick.

Debbie Alexander - January 03, 2021 at 11:36 PM

DN

“ Deepa Nambiar lit a candle in memory of *Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Deepa Nambiar - January 03, 2021 at 08:52 PM

TQ

“ Miss. Nick I will always remember my sister Marsha Ballard talk about you then I got the opportunity to have you as a teacher also. You taught all 5 of us. Then you taught my children Miss. Nick, you touched many lives and I bet everyone you taught in school, girl scouts, church or in the neighborhood they all have at least one memory of you that they will never forget. RIP you will be missed.

Thelma Ellis Quinn - January 03, 2021 at 09:45 AM

TQ

“ Thelma Ellis Quinn lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Thelma Ellis Quinn - January 03, 2021 at 09:37 AM

KC

“ Kelly Cole lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Kelly Cole - January 02, 2021 at 06:38 AM

SE

“ Spencer Everett lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Spencer Everett - January 01, 2021 at 09:06 AM

MG

“ A very special lady! She had such a positivw impact on the lives of the many youth she taught and led throughout her life. She was my Sunday School teacher about 1949-1950 at Kennedyville United Methodist Church. I am grateful for the godly example she was for all her students. My condolences to her family and friends.



Margaret Ann McHenry Gary - December 31, 2020 at 09:51 PM

CR

“ Enough kudos cannot be given to the memory of "Miss Nick" - a fantastic Girl Scout leader in the Galena school district. I can't think of a better way to mentor young girls than being a Girl Scout leader - and she was one of the best. My daughters Toby and Tracy Middleton really appreciated her, loved scouting, and learned a lot from her. I couldn't thank her enough - and I'm sorry I didn't catch up with her in her later years to tell her that. THANK YOU, MISS NICK! You're great!

Cathy Middleton Raphael - December 31, 2020 at 08:45 PM

CA

“ Miss Nick played a huge role at the beginning of Girl Scouting in this area. And she was much more like Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of GS in the US, than many other leaders. Girl Scouts together, Miss Nick!

Cindy Anderton - December 31, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DV

“ Debe Churay Voshell lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Debe Churay Voshell - December 31, 2020 at 04:26 PM

TM

“ Tommy & Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Tommy & Pam Marvel - December 31, 2020 at 03:48 PM

TR

“ Miss Nick, as I knew her, was a wonderful person! As my girl scout leader growing up I learned many things from her that I use in my daily life! Probably the best thing she taught me was to enjoy nature. Thank you Miss Nick - you made a difference in my life and many others!

Tracy Middleton Shakespeare

Tracy - December 31, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ She was such a good teacher and a good person! I bet she never realized how special she was to all of us!

Sylvia Christian - December 31, 2020 at 01:25 PM

GD

“ *Gene Davis lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Gene Davis - December 31, 2020 at 12:49 PM

SC

“ *Susan Chance lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Susan Chance - December 31, 2020 at 12:42 PM

MF

“ *Marty Freeman lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Marty Freeman - December 31, 2020 at 12:37 PM

MF

I will miss you Miss Nick and Thank you for all my flower bulbs

Marty Freeman - December 31, 2020 at 12:39 PM

WL

A wonderful and very caring person who would do anything she could do for you. Not only did she do her best to instruct her students, she also instilled high moral values. She was a master of fair play on and off the field.

Thank you for all you did.

Wayne Larrimore

Wayne Larrimore - December 31, 2020 at 09:27 PM

GW

“ *Gene & Gloria Wiest lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Gene & Gloria Wiest - December 31, 2020 at 12:32 PM

EP

“ *Miss Nick, was a part of my life, RIP dear one. My condolences to all who knew her.*



eddie price - December 31, 2020 at 09:32 AM

RM

“ *Robin Stem McKinney lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Robin Stem McKinney - December 31, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *One great lady, may god be with you,*

Lisa Hague - December 31, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ *Lisa Hague lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Lisa Hague - December 31, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ *What a remarkable woman! She taught and influenced countless youth through out the years. Heart of gold. RIP Ms. Nick. God bless you and keep you in his grace.*

Rosemary Johnston McDade - December 31, 2020 at 07:20 AM



“ *Patti Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Patti Webb - December 31, 2020 at 06:55 AM

JK

“ Jennifer Kaczmarczyk lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Jennifer Kaczmarczyk - December 31, 2020 at 06:38 AM

JM

“ Miss Nick is someone we all hold dear in our hearts and have fond memories of. What an amazing lady.



Jessie & Bob Merritt - December 31, 2020 at 06:08 AM

JW

“ Joann Warner lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Joann warner - December 31, 2020 at 05:39 AM

CB

“ Thank you Ms. Nick for teaching me Algebra 😞 and never giving up until I fully understood what I was doing. Thank you for your wisdom and patience.

You taught us responsibility (recycling), you kept us in line (respect), and so much more.

All you needed was a few students and your chalkboard. No big fancy room to get your job done.

Job well done to a great Educator 📧❤

Chrishyra Blackson - December 31, 2020 at 05:34 AM

BG

“ Ms. Nick was such a special person. Always had her eye on us in school and in Girl Scouts. Was tough but always made everything fun. She was such a big part of what made Galena elementary and middle school a great place.



Beth Gladu - December 31, 2020 at 03:40 AM

LK

“ Ms. Nick you were an icon to so many, She was my former middle school teacher, brownie and Girl Scout leader, Algebra teacher and so much more. I cannot think of Galena Elementary and Middle school without thinking of Ms. Nick; the two were synonymous. I will always remember Ms. Nick I can only aspire to be the type of educator and mentor that you were to so many. Thank you for all that you did as an educator! Your legacy will live on. Thank you for all you did to help the young minds in our community. You were a no nonsense woman with a heart of gold. May you Rest In Peace.



Lisa Cotton Keck - December 31, 2020 at 02:30 AM

MR

“ So many great memories of you, Ms. Nick. You touched so many lives throughout the years at Galena School. You were a great teacher, leader and mentor.



Maureen Ranville - December 31, 2020 at 02:18 AM

CM

“ Charlene McNeal lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady



Charlene McNeal - December 31, 2020 at 01:25 AM

CM

“ Ms.Nick was my middle school teacher and was a no nonsense kind of girl! Thank you for your love and compassion that you showed to me. I still remember the life lessons that you taught me and I proudly pass them on. Sleep in peace beautiful soul!

Charlene McNeal

Charlene McNeal - December 31, 2020 at 01:23 AM



“ *RIP Miss Nick. Volley balls to our heads, Adidas tennis shoes, and a watchful eye like no other!! You were so much fun even when we could be brats. I know so many were waiting for you to blow your whistle at Heavens gates. Rest easy, you left a lot of memories in a lot of hearts. May we meet again. Xoxo*



Pam Teat - December 31, 2020 at 12:52 AM

G1

“ *GHS -Class Of 1965 lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



GHS -Class of 1965 - December 30, 2020 at 11:56 PM

G-

“ *GHS - lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



GHS -- December 30, 2020 at 11:55 PM

GH

“ *GHS lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



GHS - December 30, 2020 at 11:54 PM

RW

“ *Richard Walters lit a candle in memory of
Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



Richard Walters - December 30, 2020 at 11:53 PM

MB

“ *Marsha B lit a candle in memory of Thelma
Nickerson O'Grady*



Marsha B - December 30, 2020 at 09:38 PM

CL

“ *Such a wonderful. caring woman. I am so
sorry to hear of her passing.*



Cathy Atwell Legg - December 30, 2020 at 08:12 PM

TF

“ *The Cummerford Family lit a candle in
memory of Thelma Nickerson O'Grady*



The Cummerford Family - December 30, 2020 at 07:45 PM