



## Frances Kolbe Suddarth

October 22, 1934 - October 24, 2018

Frances Kolbe Suddarth was born on October 22, 1934 in Lebanon, Tennessee. She left this earthly life to go to her eternal home in heaven on October 24, 2018. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of almost 61 years, Rev. William T. Suddarth, Jr. and parents Andrew Darnell and Paralee Miggett Kolbe. Frances leaves behind a daughter and son in law, Nancy and Jim Harrison, and son and daughter in law, Billy and Jamie Suddarth; three grandchildren, Heather (Jonathan) Downs, Adam (Karen) Suddarth and Sarah Suddarth; six great-grandchildren, Landon, Owen, Levi, and Jack Suddarth and Jacob and Emma Downs, two sisters, Louise Jones, Annie Sue (Joe) Patton, and one brother Jack Kolbe all of Lebanon, Tennessee. She also leaves behind several family members included nieces and nephews and a host of special friends. Frances was a devoted mother, pastor's wife and teacher of 33 years. 31 of those years she taught at Elkton Elementary School, Elkton, Tennessee. After the passing of her husband she continued her faithful service to her Lord and Saviour at Elkton Baptist. As one of her former students said, "She was the kindest, most caring teacher I've ever had. She loved teaching children the school curriculum but most of all she loved teaching them about Jesus." She will be missed, but her witness is not over. Visitation will be held at Elkton Baptist Church at 11:00 am with a celebration of Life Service at 12:00 on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home in charge of arrangements for Frances Kolbe Suddarth.



# Tribute Wall

CS

“ When i was 8 yrs old i was in the hospital for weeks and Mrs.Suddarth and Bro.Suddarth came by everyday just about to see me and Mrs.Suddarth also helped me get back on track with my school work after i came home she took her personal time to help me and thats just what kind of person she was. Everyone who came in contact with her whether it was at school or church or VBS loved her and knew she was a listening ear and shoulder if you needed it.

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**Crystal Smith** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM

SH

“ Mrs. Frances Suddarth was my role model and mentor when I was a young teacher. I'm proud to say that I spent 31 years of my teaching career at Elkton Elementary just as she did. She showed the love of Jesus to her students and everyone she met. She and her beloved "Junior" are together again. I pray that their legacy of faith will continue through the future generations to come.

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**Susan Tidmore Holley** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM

KH

“ I don't know where to begin to express just how much Mrs. Suddarth has meant to me personally throughout the years. Her precious husband was called to pastor our church when I was less than two years old. They have been with my family through sicknesses, marriages, deaths, births, and divorce. We have laughed together, cried together, and worshipped together. She was my 3rd grade teacher, my Sunday school teacher, my mentor, my confidant, and my friend. I will truly miss her but I rejoice in knowing she has finally made it "home" and is with her Savior and Bro. Suddarth.

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**Kelly Hill** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM

BS

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Suddarth. She was truly one of the kindest and sweetest people I have ever known. May God bless and comfort you and your family.

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**Brenda Rodgers Secrest** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM

GM

“ Mrs. Frances was very special to our family. Greg loved her like a second mother and we will always be thankful for her's and Bro. Suddarth wisdom. Sometimes it was not easy taken but it was not always easy for them to give. They were such an example and we have so many precious memories. Heaven is a sweeter place and we look forward to the day we see her sweet smile again. Our prayers for your family. Love you all!!

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**Greg and Jackie Merrell** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM

BP

“ Billy and family,

We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Suddarth was the most kind, loving, and caring teacher and friend to me and my family. Her faith and love for our Lord was a great witness to all she came in contact with. She will be greatly missed but what a homecoming she is having! May the memories of love shared and the grace and love of our Lord give you all peace.

*Beth Rolin Pugh and family*

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**Beth Rolin Pugh** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM

TM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Frances Kolbe Suddarth

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**Teresa Martindale** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM

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“ Nancy & Billy, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Nancy, my first memory of your mother and father was when we were in 1st grade at Leeville School. I remember spending the night with your family. I guess being a PK you had to move away too soon! But having your grandparents attend our church (Bartons Creek) which I believe is where your mom grew up, we did get to see them from time to time! Also your dad held revival or preached some. I will always remember how kind and precious they both were! Your mom and dad always had a smile on their face. You and Billy were so blessed to have such wonderful christian parents! I know that it is hard to say goodbye to your mom but I know that she is with her Heavenly Father rejoicing along side your dad!  
Lane Reed

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**Lane Reed** - February 09, 2018 at 02:58 PM