



Mrs Enid Sawyer O'Mara

October 20, 1944 - April 4, 2023

Enid Sawyer O'Mara went to be with The Lord on April 4th, 2023. She was 78. Enid was born in Bunkie, Louisiana on October 20, 1944 to Bessie (nee Blankenship) and Marvin D. Sawyer. She attended Bunkie public schools and was a graduate of Northwestern State University and received her Masters in Education from Mississippi College. She embarked on a teaching career in New Orleans, Louisiana. While teaching in New Orleans, she met and married the love of her life, William (Bill) O'Mara who was attending Tulane Medical School. They welcomed their first son while in New Orleans. Their second son was born in Memphis while Bill completed a period of specialized training in surgery. In 1973, the young family moved to Carthage, MS, where Bill set up his medical practice. Sadly, soon after the birth of their third son, Bill lost his courageous fight with leukemia in 1976. Enid was left to raise three young sons which she accomplished with unwavering faith and perseverance. Enid was a gifted teacher and loved her elementary students just as much as

they loved her.

She was honored to be named "Teacher of the Year" in 1991 and again in 1997. While teaching, she miraculously balanced her career with the arduous task of raising three precocious boys.

She never missed a sporting or school event and proudly attended their college graduations. Bill

would be so proud of the fine young men they have become.

Enid was a devoted Christian. Her faith was the centerpiece of her life and she was steadfast in

ministering to others. She was a member of First Baptist of Carthage where she enriched the

lives of many. Refusing to allow her retirement, she taught the same group of ladies starting

when they were ten years old and continued to guide and mentor them through their teens,

college, young adulthood and older years. She was a faithful member of her Explorers' Bible

Study and created many long lasting friendships throughout the years.

Along with her parents and husband, Enid was preceded in death by her sister and

brother-in-law Peggy and Lawrence Parker, sister, Carmen Roy, brother-in-law, Hal Jones and

sister-in-law, Nancy Sawyer.

She is survived by sons, Dr. William O'Mara (Meredith) of Beaumont, TX, Dr. Patrick O'Mara

(Amy) of Madison and Stephen O'Mara of Gulfport. She was the proud grandmother of six

grandchildren: William III, Evelyn, Emily, Martha Ellis, Weezie and Ellie. She is also survived by

brother Ronald Sawyer, sister Linda Howell (Dean), brothers-in-law Richard

Roy, James

O'Mara (Jeanette), Charles O'Mara (Susan), sister-in-law Jane Jones and numerous beloved nieces, nephews and their families.

While our hearts are heavy, we find solace in knowing that she is in heaven with her beloved

Bill.

Visitation will be held at First Baptist of Carthage on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00am-12:00pm.

A family graveside service will follow. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Harris Cemetery

Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Carthage
402 N Van Buren St
Carthage, MS 39051-3748
(601) 267-4583

Graveside Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Harris Cemetery
Carthage, MS

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Enid was always a shining light in a dark world. She and Dr. O’Mara were dear friends of my parents, Waymon and Melba Jones. Here three boys were very good friends of mine. Please know William, Patrick, and Stephen that I am praying for you and your families. Love y’all BIG.
JEFFERY JONES

Jeff Jones - April 09, 2023 at 02:57 PM

ST

“ Enid was my mentor as a new teacher at Red Water Elementary. I will for ever cherish the time she spent with me and remember her words of wisdom.

Sherry Tubby - April 08, 2023 at 11:47 PM

SN

“ Sue Nester lit a candle in memory of Mrs Enid Sawyer O’Mara



Sue Nester - April 08, 2023 at 09:52 AM

MS

“ Condolence to the family!



Mary Sharp - April 07, 2023 at 09:41 PM

SW

“ *Lighting a candle in memory of your Mother, William, Patrick, and Stephen. May God help you through this trying time.*
Susie Wilkerson



susie Wilkerson - April 07, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs Enid Sawyer O'Mara.*



April 07, 2023 at 07:56 PM

EW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

Ellis Wright - April 07, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs Enid Sawyer O'Mara.*



April 07, 2023 at 12:27 PM

BD

“ Dear O’Mara family,
I loved Enid dearly. She will always be remembered as one of the
greatest influences in my life in Carthage. Prayers for all of you.
Brenda Phillips DeCoursey

Brenda Phillips DeCoursey - April 06, 2023 at 10:40 PM



Rob and I shared the church pew with Enid for many years at FBC.
She taught our son in kindergarten and we just loved her. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you all. Mandy Faucette

Mandy Faucette - April 07, 2023 at 05:26 PM

RT

Spent about 10 minutes with MS O’Mara just before she was called
back for her procedure. We shared some memories from years ago
when she was teaching at LA and then current updates about our
respective families. Prayers to the family, and RIP dear lady!

Russty Thaggard - April 08, 2023 at 12:16 AM

MC

Enid and I were classmates in Bunkie many years ago. I was so very
sorry to hear of her passing and of your loss. My prayers are with you.
Mary Maud Guillot

MaryMaud Guillot Carr - April 08, 2023 at 04:25 PM