

Yes, This was Ethel, Forever Learning and Serving

1. At the age of 59, while working and serving as a caregiver for her mother, sister, and husband, she earned double Applied Science degrees in Child Care Development and Human Services from STL Community College at Forest Park. Due to stellar performance, she was offered full-ride scholarship to complete a B.S. at Washington University, which she was unable to pursue due to family commitments
2. Selected to participate in the Missouri Experienced worker program in 1989
3. Teacher Aide II, St. Louis BOE; Member of American Federation of Teachers
4. Worked as Nurse Technician & Psychiatric Aide
5. Received Certificate of Training from Department of Social Services, Division of Family Services, qualifying her to serve as an Emergency Short-Term Foster Parent
6. Licensed by the State of Missouri to maintain a Division of Family Services Foster Home; Operated State-licensed home-based day care center
7. Completed prescribed course work for Gray Lady Service on behalf of the American National Red Cross
8. Long-time poll worker for St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners
9. Great lover of music; went to great lengths to ensure we were afforded the opportunity to take music lessons on the instrument of our choosing. While other children were playing games on Saturday nights, we were being entertained by Lawrence Welk.
10. Avid St. Louis Cardinals Fan and a die-hard tennis connoisseur
11. Gardening was high on the list of enjoyable activities until well into her early 90s.
12. She had an insatiable appetite for reading and was the family historian. She never forgot a single birthday, and amazingly was able to remember a birthday was on the horizon although suffering from dementia.
13. Yes, she was that grandparent helping to raise grandchildren
14. Union Memorial Gifts of Service:
 - a) Delivered altar flowers to the sick and shut-in
 - b) Member of United Methodist Women
 - c) Member of the Sarah Steward United Methodist Women and served as committee chairperson for a number of years.
 - d) Member of the 90+ Club
15. Member of the Cosmopolitan Club of the St. Louis Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., whose motto is "lifting as we climb."
16. Most of all, in the face of adversity she never quit. She prayed, and she prayed! She lived a life of perseverance and faithfulness to God and family. Between the pages of hundreds and hundreds of journal inscriptions is revealed the heart of a woman who prayed her way through life's challenges, and then got up and went about making the change she desired to see. For anyone of us who ever received in the mail a torn out page of the Daily Word with her handwritten note, it was without question that the Matriarch of this family was on a mission to set you on the right track! SHE IS NOW FOREVER SECURE IN THE ARMS OF THE FATHER.