



## Beatrice "Bea" Prevallet Modde

October 6, 1928 - January 20, 2016

Beatrice Y. (Prevallet) Modde, 87, of Perryville died January 20, 2016 peacefully at her residence surrounded by family.

She was born October 6, 1928 in Marquand, MO, daughter of Claude and Ida Belle (Swims) Yardley. She and John "Toby" Modde were married on April 1, 1989. He survives her in marriage.

Bea (Prevallet) Modde lived life with grace. A true southern belle, an educator, and a splendid host. A woman before her time, Bea arrived in Perryville as a single mother. She began teaching in what was then called Perry County Country Schools to include Sereno, Brazeau and Longtown.

She started her studies at Southeast Missouri State and completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, AR. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa teaching sorority.

Mrs. B, as she was known, contributed greatly as a member of the coaching staff at both Valle Catholic and Ste. Genevieve Public Schools that resulted in the volleyball dynasties of the 1970's and 1980's. Each year a volleyball "Hustle" award is made in her honor. The same whistle she used in her P.E. classes was used to call her children to the dinner table.

Mrs. "B" touched thousands of children's lives in her 47 year teaching career. The light of her retirement was her weekly trips to the school library where she sat on the floor to read to the kindergarten students. One little student once asked, "Mrs. B do all those wrinkles hurt?"

Her great-grandchildren will remember her infamous pillow fights, her

standing on her head well into her 70's and the many card games she taught them from earlier years. Canasta being her favorite.

Bea was one of the oldest cancer survivors in Perry County and participated in Relay For Life for many years. She also won multiple Gold Medals in Senior Olympics Golf. Golf, Bridge Club, themed parties, poetry writing, and decorating her house for each and every occasion/holiday were her passion. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and AmVets Post 94 Ladies Auxiliary.

Other survivors include three children, James (Dee) Johnson of Perryville, Melanie Prevallet (Trevor) Muir of Clare, MI, Debbie Prevallet of Kansas City; one brother, Fred Yardley of Marietta, GA; five grandchildren, Kimberly Johnson (Doug) Brummitt, Kevin (Lisa) Johnson, Nate Smith, Nicole Smith Bauer, Jesse Prevallet; and six great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Brummitt, Connor Brummitt, Avery Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Jacob Bauer and Joshua Bauer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, William Raymond Yardley; and one sister, Joyce C. Yardley.

Visitation will be held at Young & Sons Funeral Home on Friday, January 22 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, January 23 from 6:30 to 9:30 am. She will then be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church for Mass at 10:00 am with Rev. Brad Modde officiating. Burial in Mt Hope Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to Southeast Hospice, Relay for Life or charity of choice.

Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beatrice "Bea" Prevallet Modde*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Melanie and Debbie. Your mom touched many lives and will be dearly missed.*

**Michael Duvall** - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Best P.E. Teacher EVER! Rest in Peace*

**Michelle Koetting** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Ms. B. Best P.E. teacher EVER!*

**Michelle Koetting** - January 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ What I personally remember about this beautiful lady was her giving me the opportunity to play Jr. High volleyball. I didn't have transportation after practice so I didn't consider trying out for the team. She contacted my parents and told them she would see to it that I would have a ride home each day....and that she did! She transported myself and two other athletes who lived in the St. Mary's area home each day after practice, on her way to Perryville. She gave me and so many others a solid foundation to the game of volleyball. I have said to many people that the success of Ste. Gen volleyball over the years started with her. I often thought her contributions were overlooked but it's only fair to give credit where credit is due....she was the foundation to the success of Hunter volleyball. I was so blessed to have her as a coach, teacher (loved the square dancing in PE) , and as a co-worker my first year of teaching. She was wise beyond her years and so well respected and loved by anyone who knew her. Rest in peace beautiful lady!

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**Linda (Armbruster) Roth** - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was in her first class in Perryville. She was my 4th grade teacher. She was also friend/teacher of my mother - Alma Statler. They went to SEMO in the summer time. Sorry for your loss.

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**Judy Schmelzle** - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ R.I.P. Mrs. B. I will always remember my love for VB and how to be a good friend because of you! You were not only a teacher but a coach and a FRIEND!

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**Carol Claussen/ Schwent** - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ By far the best P.E. teacher Ste. Gen. Middle School ever had. Loved this lady to pieces. She always had a stern voice but when she talked we listened. May you be at peach Ms. Bea.

Stacy Abt - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Jim, Melanie, Debbie, & families, I am so sorry for your loss. Miss Bea was one of the most gracious and caring persons, I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She will be missed. Susan Gagnepain Vogt St. Louis, Mo.

January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ I believe many can say that there were 1 or 2 educators during their school years that had somehow left a positive lasting impression on them throughout their lives. Ms. Bea was absolutely one of them... what a wonderful lady and P.E. coach she was during our middle school years. I have not been in touch with her for many, many years; but have never forgotten her... My deepest sympathy to her family

Sandy Vaeth - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Keep your head up and keep smiling. This is the best advice she gave me when she taught me some 30 years ago.

Melissa Craft - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Absoululty the best PE teacher ever at STG Middle School. We all loved her very much. RIP Miss Bea, from the class of 1975 .

Cindy Crump Shuh - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Absolutely one of the sweetest women I have ever met. Always gave me a hug when I saw her and provided some of the best colorful jokes I have ever heard. May your family find peace in knowing there is no pain in heaven and you will be welcomed by many. Love u Ms. B

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**Diana and Pete Howe** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I am so sad to hear of the loss of Bea. She was an absolutely incredible woman. She will be missed greatly.

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**Mary Gotto** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

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**Jan & Paul Herron** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ She was my volleyball coach in ste genevive mo. She will be sadly missed.

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**Renée Smith** - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM