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Death of teacher mourned

Many teachers become known in the communities in which they teach but few of them become as well known and as well liked and respected as the late Louise Butler who taught first grade for 30 years in Dickinson.

She passed away in a nursing home in Huntsville, on Jan. 29 after having been hospitalized from the effects of a stroke suffered in early Nov. Funeral services were held for her at the Gause Ware Northeast Chappel in Halton City, Feb. 1.

It was a common statement for people everywhere in Dickinson to make about Miss Butler, "She taught me and now she's teaching my son (or daughter)." Everyone knew her and regarded her as a fine teacher.

She was the type of person who offered children a homebase away from home, who restored their confidence when things went wrong and reassured them that their day would again be bright.

To see her walking home to her apartment near the school in the late afternoon carrying papers or books, one might imagine that her only interest was school, but her close

friends knew this was far from the truth, for Miss Butler was a person of wide and varied interests. She kept up with world affairs and the national issues of current importance.

And not all her interests were on the serious and academic side either for she was perhaps one of the greatest motor racing fans in Dickinson, knew some of the drivers at Indianapolis and

the Texas International Speedway personally, and always enjoyed watching the races on television and listening to them on radio.

The friendly manner and classroom excellence of Miss Butler will be missed in Dickinson but the good that was her personality and teaching trade mark will live on in the lives of those who knew her as "my teacher."