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Mary Jane Ottenad, 94 of Lovettsville, Virginia passed on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at Heritage Hall in Leesburg, Virginia.

Born Saturday, January 21, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Henry Edmunds and the late Hulda Schader Edmunds. She was the wife of the late Thomas Ottenad, who passed in 1999.

The Ottenad's both grew up in St. Louis, MO, where they met and married in 1946. Tom's career at the St. Louis Post Dispatch brought them to Washington. They settled in Kensington, Maryland. Jane became a 6th teacher at the Parkwood Elementary School in Montgomery County Public Schools. While Tom, a newspaper man went downtown and around the world covering stories and politics. Jane sometimes went along and met many Presidents, but her favorite was JFK.

Jane and her husband loved log cabins. They built their first log cabin while living in Missouri. In the 1970's they began the search for a weekend log cabin in Virginia and found it in Lovettsville. They lovingly restored the two room cabin and cleared the grounds. They went out every weekend and holiday to work on the cabin and to have fun, They both retired in the 1990's. They added an addition to the cabin and they became full time Virginians. Jane loved working in the garden, enjoyed fishing in the Potomac, playing at golfing and water color painting. Jane was a realist with a wonderful sense of humor but at times could be a bit formidable. She made many friends and leaves for them her numerous witty 'Jane sayings'. The last being, "I am old and it is time"

Memorial contributions may be sent to Lovettsville Library 12 N. Light Street Lovettsville, VA 20180.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com




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Cemetery Details

 Cremation/ Interment to be held privately at a later date.



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Stephanie Voss posted:

I'm not sure who is left to read this. I was looking through old photos today and thinking of my youth and searched for Mrs. Ottenad. I wish I'd known she was still alive this year; I would have loved to have thanked her for being such a marvelous teacher. She was a great teacher, read to us (in 6th grade, when we were far too old for it but loved it nonetheless) and brought her husband Tom in to talk about being a reporter. Washington in the late 60s was an exciting time and I was inspired. While still in high school, I got my first newspaper job and worked my way up to being a foreign correspondent at 24 -- and I owe it to the Ottenads. I remember her log cabin and that she was hooking a rug based on a photograph of it. Love and gratitude. -Stephanie Voss now living in Los Angeles, CA

October 16 at 8:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary Jane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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