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# Beulah Kroger Osborne, of Union, teacher, Villa Madonna graduate

Beulah Kroger Osborne earned a college degree and started a career in teaching when she was in her 30s.

She decided to become a teacher after her first husband, Charles Kroger, died in 1957.

"After my father died, her goal was to try to help youngsters to get a feel for what the education process was all about and find a way to help them," said her son, Paul Kroger of Union.

Mrs. Osborne, 85, of Union, died at 1:30 a.m. Friday at her home.

She worked as a teacher at St. Mary Cathedral School, while earning her degree at Villa Madonna College, said Kroger, manager of the Boone County Water and Sewer District.

She later taught fifth and sixth grades at Caywood and Hinsdale schools.

"She was full of life and spar-

kled," her son said. "She loved to use the English language to make puns and to teach with."

Mrs. Osborne was a happy person, who was able to overcome adversity.

"She always pointed to making a contribution later in life, and it came out of the loss of her husband, my father, that she was able to really accomplish what she had pointed toward," her son said.

Mrs. Osborne was "a lady," he said. "She was a gentle person who was able to accomplish an awful lot just through being kind to people."

She retired from teaching in the mid 1970s.

"She was the bond of our family, the matchstick of our family," Kroger said. "That was her inter-

est and her love after she retired from teaching."

Mrs. Osborne was a member of the Teachers Association of Kentucky and Toast Mistress of America.

Her second husband, Robert Osborne, died in 1977.

Other survivors include a daughter, Cary Schoenhoeft of the state of California, a son, Dr. J. Stephen Kroger of Longmont, Colo., a sister, Thelma May of Florence, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Timothy Church, Union. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at St. John Funeral Home, Florence, with prayers there at 8:15 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell.

Memorials are suggested to St. Timothy Church Building Fund, 10272 Highway 42, Union, 41091.



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