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5th President of ARF (1983-84)
Fay Kirtland

FAY KIRTLAND OBITUARY

Fay L. Kirtland Fay L. Kirtland, 97, a teacher, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003. The memorial service will be at 4 p.m. EST Monday at Westminster Oaks Chapel, 4449 Meandering Way, in Tallahassee. Memorial contributions may be made to The International Ministry, First Baptist Church, 108 W. College Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301, or to the Retired Teacher's Association c/o John Wheeler, 1810 Skyland Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home (877-8191) is handling arrangements. Fay L. Kirtland was born Sept. 21, 1905, to George Henry and Lucinda McCurry Kirtland at Grove Oak, Ala. She finished high school in the first graduating class of

Dekalb County, Ala. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and her master's at the University of Chicago. She studied toward her doctorate at Columbia University. Fay began teaching in public schools at the age of 17 in Dekalb County. She taught in Iowa, Wisconsin and Florida State University, where she finished her long teaching career. After retiring, she worked as a lobbyist for teachers and retirees advocating for their retirement pension and health insurance. Fay was a member of First United Methodist Church in Tallahassee for more than 50 years. She is survived by a sister, Lillian Isaacs of Tallahassee, and a brother, Max Kirtland of Huntsville, Ala.

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All recipients were awarded the honor of Distinguished Educator

- Dr. Peter Dunn-Rankin
- Ms. Fay Kirtland
- Dr. Calvin Miller