



Kathy Hooks

October 15, 1942 - October 15, 2011

KATHY HOOKS age 69 of Gary IN passed away on Saturday October 15 2011. She is survived by husband Collis of 47 years sister Gayle (Bill) Sherman of Kansas niece Leslie Lopes of Colorado grandniece Keisha Lopes of Colorado 4 aunts: Dorothy Robinson of Hobart Florence (Jack) Patterson of Florida Patricia Clinton of Shelby and DMaris Miller of Crown Point and many cousins. Preceded in death by parents Leslie and Alice Ann Seegers. Kathy was a retired teacher from the River Forest School Corporation with 41 years of service at River Forest High School in New Chicago Indiana. She was head coach of the academic team head of the science department and voted Teacher of the Year by her peers in 1985. She was Quill & Scroll Teacher of the Year in 1999 Northwest Indiana Coach of the Year in 2000 and a nominee for Indiana Academic Coach of the Year in 2005. Kathy was a life member of St. Johns United Church of Christ Crown Point. She was a graduate of Crown Point High School Class of 1960 a graduate of Ball State University Class of 1964 and received her masters degree from Valparaiso University. Kathy was a member of Kappa Delta Pi National Honor & Merit Society Sigma Zeta National Science & Mathematics Honor Society the Indiana Retired Teacher Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Women Educators Sorority (Rho Chapter). Family and Friends may call at Pruzin & Little Funeral Service 811 E. Franciscan Drive (south of St. Rd. 231 on St. Rd. 55) Crown Point IN on Wednesday October 19 2011 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held Thursday October 20 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Johns United Church

of Christ 1288 S. Indiana Ave Crown Point IN with Rev. Dan Barnum-
Steggerda officiating. Cremation will follow. Memorials preferred to the Susan
B. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *My deepest sympathies. What a caring patient and classy woman. Im sorry to say future generations will never know what theyre missing. You will never know how much a teacher means to you til adult life sneaks up on you and makes you use what youve learned from them. I was lucky enough to thank her personally for just that.*

Lisa Remus - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

G.

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:34) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises found in the Holy Scriptures can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:2829 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow Gods Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.*

G.FORD - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *I wish to send my sympathy to her family and her friends as I taught with her for 19 years. 24C6*

DAN OURY - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Isaiah 25:8 give you hope and comfort.*

Barb & Tom Layton - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My condolences to the family of Kathy Hooks or as we are used to calling her Mrs. Hooks. Your love of science and your expectations for the best out of your students was felt by many including myself. You may have been a tough teacher but I believe that is what made you such a respected teacher by so many of your students. You may be gone but you will not be forgotten. Thank you for your dedication and service to RF for all those years. In sympathy
Jennifer (Buffington) Potter River Forest Class of 1987

Jennifer (Buffington) Potter - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Dear Collis So sorry to read about Kathys passing. You two had a long life together but its still tough to lose a partner and a friend. From your old Quarterback who also knew and respected your father so much. Gary Villeneuve

Gary Villeneuve - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ What a wonderful life she had. Mrs. Hooks was a great teacher and a wonderful woman. I pray that you find comfort in knowing how very many lives she has touched. God Bless You.

Amanda Flores - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I was a student of Mrs. Hooks at River Forest High School and she was by far one of my favorite teachers. So sad to hear of her passing. My deepest sympathies to your family.

Colleen Gryczewski - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Mrs Hooks was one of the most inspiring and wonderful teachers I have ever had. She was warm encouraging and truly cared about her students. There was no doubt that she was committed to teaching us and becoming a part of our lives. She contributed to the person I am today. I am currently doing development work in the slums of Bangladesh so I cannot make the funeral but I just wanted to pay my respects to such a wonderful educator and convey my sympathy to her family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. God bless Lisa A. Russi

Lisa Russi - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ My deepest sympathies to Kathys family at this saddened time. I remember Kathy and her family from church in Crown Point. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Marcia (Schulte) Dowdy - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ What a wonderful teacher! Your passing is to soon. My sympathies to your family....Mrs. Hooks you will be missed!!

Shawna - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mrs. Hooks was an amazing women teacher and coach. She always believed in me and pushed me to do better because she knew my potential. I will always remember her she truly made an impact on my life. River forest student class of 2001

Sara Christopher - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am very sorry about the loss of Mrs Hooks. She was a favorite teacher of mine and I owe my love of science all to her. She was a wonderful teacher and she was loved by many. With deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Dina Hernandez - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Too young too soon....my deepest sympathies for Kathys family and friends.

Pam Welge - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM