



## Merry J. Paddock

April 28, 1936 - March 27, 2019

Merry J. Paddock, age 82, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee.

She was born April 28, 1936 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Jack & Mary Grace Leach Roberts.

Merry married Hal Paddock on March 27, 1957.

She had been a teacher at Peotone Junior High School and retired after 30 years of service. Merry also taught at Chebanse Grade School.

She was a graduate of Alton High School and Olivet Nazarene University.

Merry attended Eastern Illinois University.

She was a Sunday School Teacher and Choir Director at the Milford Methodist Church.

Merry enjoyed reading, gardening, and solving puzzles.

Surviving are her husband, Hal Paddock of Kankakee; one son, Timothy Paddock of Kankakee; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and her dog, Tippy.

Private Graveside Services will be held at Momence Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JU

“ *She was my sister and I never had a chance to get to know her*

Julie - October 31, 2025 at 10:32 PM

SP

“ *I have enjoyed visiting with Mrs. paddock over the years that I have been caring for her dogs. Both she and Mr. Paddock have always done their best to provide a loving, caring home for their pets. I will truly miss her!*

Stacie Piatt-VaughnDVM - March 31, 2019 at 10:46 PM

JU

*Merry was my half sister but she was always a sister in my book. I wish I could have gotten to know her so she could know how much I loved her.*

Julie - October 17, 2022 at 10:06 AM

JP

“ *Julie LaRoche Post*

*Mrs Paddock was my favorite teacher she touched my life in many ways with her kindness and caring ways. My prayers to her family*

Julie LaRoche Post - March 30, 2019 at 09:00 AM

SR

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Hal and Tippy. Merry was a very special lady!! She will be greatly missed.*

Stacy Roth - March 29, 2019 at 11:01 PM

JD

“ *Merry was a fantastic teacher and my spelling coach in Jr. High. She touched many lives and had such a profound effect, on so many of her students throughout the years. My deepest sympathy to Hal and Tim. May God give you peace at this most difficult time.*

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**Joy Depperman** - March 29, 2019 at 06:28 PM

SL

“ *Mrs. Paddock was my favorite elementary teacher. She was beautiful both inside and out. Probably the thing I remember most about her was her smile. My sympathy goes out to Hal and Tim. My prayer is that you find solace in your memories of her.*

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**Steve Lawrence** - March 29, 2019 at 03:43 PM

 Dave Osborne

*Mrs Paddock was my all time favorite teacher. My daughter Hannah and I were out on a bike ride one day and ran in to her and Hal. She had already retired and I expressed my regrets that she could not teach Hannah. I also told her that she was my favorite teacher. A beautiful person who loved enriching people's lives. Hal and Tim you are in our prayers. Let her go knowing how much she was loved. Dave Osborne*

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**Dave Osborne** - March 29, 2019 at 06:28 PM

RM

“ Sending prayers of love comfort and the peace that passes all understanding to my good friend Hal for the loss of your love. I met Hal and Merry about 4 years ago and ive always enjoyed them both they are so sweet. In the last 2months I've really got to know Merry better from our talks to long visits in the nursing home. i will definitely miss you and remember all the great memories we had. On our last time we spent together these weeks will be ones i will never forget .you were a great friend Merry and im glad i got the chance to tell you before you left us. I know you were more than ready to go home and i know now that the angels are rejoicing as you entered the gates of heaven. I love you Merry until we meet again my friend xo  
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**Reyna Martinez** - March 29, 2019 at 03:42 PM

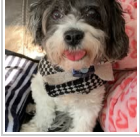
WS

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Merry was an outstanding teacher who helped shape the future for our four daughters. Two of our daughters even dogsat for her beloved pets. As a fellow teacher I so appreciated the way she lit up the room with her positive attitude and cheery smile and her commitment to professionalism. She and Hal were always good friends in every situation. All who knew her will remember her with great fondness.

*Dale and Carleen Schmidt*

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**W. Carleen Schmidt** - March 28, 2019 at 11:50 PM



“ *Mrs. Paddock was an amazing teacher.. she could make you laugh and also fundamentally left a desire to learn that I carried with me for years.. Praying for her and Her Family*

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**John O'Donnell** - March 28, 2019 at 08:49 PM

AO

“ *My condolences to Mr. Paddock and Tim. I did not have Mrs. Paddock as a teacher but I know she was a great teacher and loved by everyone. My prayers are for peace and comfort and y'all will be blessed with many memories!*  
*Alan Osborne*

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**Alan Osborne** - March 28, 2019 at 08:08 PM

JC

“ *I love English because of Mrs. Paddock. We watched Shane and gave speeches. She was a great teacher!*

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**julie hall courson** - March 28, 2019 at 07:52 PM

KO

“ *Mrs. Paddock was a lovely lady. I thoroughly enjoyed having her for my 8th grade English teacher. My sympathies to Mr. Paddock and family.*

*Karen Nelson Oglesby*  
*Wilton Center, IL*

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**Karen Oglesby** - March 28, 2019 at 04:28 PM

KS

“ So very sad to hear of Merry's passing. I remember her well from the Peotone schools and you also Hal. My sincere sympathy to you Hal and your family.

*Kathy Hack Shanahan  
Peotone IL 60468*

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**Kathy Shanahan** - March 28, 2019 at 04:15 PM

KB

“ Merry and Hal were our neighbors. We would often see her working in her garden while walking our dog. She was always welcoming and friendly. She loved animals. We have only lived in Kankakee for a few years, but we will truly miss seeing and talking with her. Our hearts and prayers go out to Hal and her family.

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**Keith and Kathy Brock** - March 28, 2019 at 02:53 PM

JH

“ Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Merry J. Paddock



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**Joelene Hays** - March 28, 2019 at 11:49 AM

LE

“ *Merry was my favorite teacher, and has inspired me ever since she taught 5th grade at Peotone Elementary. You lived across the street from my grandparents, Walter and Mabel Schubbe, for a while, and they occasionally watched Tim. My mother, Bessie Schubbe, did sewing for Merry sometimes and stayed in touch with her. I have thought of her so often over the years. My deepest condolences are with you and your family, and you are all in my prayers.*

*Linda Schubbe Emery*

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**Linda Emery** - March 28, 2019 at 10:51 AM

MM

“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Merry J. Paddock*



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**MR MRS** - March 28, 2019 at 07:32 AM