



Phyllis D. Enright

June 4, 1931 - March 29, 2016

Phyllis D. Enright, age 84, of Kankakee, passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. She was born June 4, 1931 in Kankakee, the daughter of Nathan J. & Marie A. McArthy Brais.

Phyllis married Gerald J. Enright June 25, 1955 at her parent's home in Kankakee.

She is a 1948 graduate of Kankakee High School. Phyllis attended Bradley University and earned her Bachelors degree from Millikin University. She earned her Masters degree at National Louis University. Phyllis was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority at Millikin University. She also attended Olivet Nazarene University.

In her younger years she was a swimming instructor and lifeguard at the Kankakee swimming pool.

She was a classroom educator for 42 years; teaching all but three years in District 111. She taught all grades but 1st and 2nd; teaching 3rd and 5th graders for the majority of the time.

Phyllis was a member of the Illinois Teachers Association. She enjoyed baking, crossword puzzles, decorating, reading, and playing Bridge. She

enjoyed spending time with her family, especially making elaborate Holiday dinners.

Surviving are her husband, Gerald Enright of Kankakee; one daughter, Julia Enright of Kankakee; one sister and two brothers-in-law, Marlys & Dr. Pierre Espinasse of Paradise Valley, AZ and William Bengston of Janesville, WI; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Joyce Bengston.

Cremation Rites will be accorded.

Memorial Visitation will be held 4:00 -7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, where the memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Inurnment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kankakee Public Library Children's Literacy Programs.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

APR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Enright family on the loss of Phyllis. She was my 5th grade teacher at Taft and was a co worker to my mother at Washington grade school. She was well liked and well respected. She was a great teacher, one of my favorites. She did her best to bring out the best in me and that is what makes a great teacher. Because of teachers like her I became one myself. I don't know if she could have imagined me as one but I hope so. My mother is now 90 years old and I am writing on her behalf as well. She was deeply saddened to hear of Phyllis passing and had nothing but good things to say about her time and friendship with her. The passing of a good Teacher is a loss to the entire community as well as that of the family. I have put the notice up on my Westview facebook group page and there are many nice comments and memories about her. Always talked proudly of her daughter. And I remember that big dog she had as I walked past her house every day on the way home from school. I wanted to pet it so bad. I should have told her. it was big enough to saddle and ride I remember that! God Bless and thank you to her family for sharing her with me, my mom, and all the other children that she was so special to.

Bill Maass Jr - May 24, 2016 at 03:41 AM

BM

“ Jerry our deepest sympathy to you and your family losing a precious loved one. Our Prayers for strength and peace go out to you at this difficult time. Bob & Jan Makkay



Bob & Janet Makkay - April 11, 2016 at 09:02 AM

EH

“ Jerry, I am sorry I could not be with you yesterday. My condolences to you and your family. Elaine Holtzman



Elaine Holtzman - April 10, 2016 at 08:22 AM

JC

“ Sincerely think of you Julie, so sorry for your loss. Jennifer Phillips.



Jennifer Cappellano - April 07, 2016 at 04:57 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Enright (Miss Brais) was my 5th grade teacher at Central School, Kankakee, IL. She affected my life in a positive way. I will always fondly remember her. With deepest sympathy to her family, Mike (Janice) Bonnell.



Mike Bonnell - April 03, 2016 at 05:31 PM



“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Phyllis D. Enright.



April 02, 2016 at 09:37 PM

DS

“ *Fond memory of Phyllis and I laughing in the back seat of our rental car in Ireland trying to read maps and direct our husband drivers, who were driving on the left side of the road of course..Thrilling Having 3 or 4 different kinds of potatoes at every meal.and finding the best irish cheddar cheese ever in a gas station..
I will miss her humor and her smile.*

Diane Sawyer

Diane Sawyer - April 01, 2016 at 02:00 PM

PM

“ *We may not have had enough time to get to know each other well, but life often gets in the way and I am grateful for what time we did have. Having followed her life the last year I know how difficult things have been and am so very thankful to know that there will be no more suffering and that she is at peace in a place she lived her whole life to be. RIP Phyllis.*

*Our Love,
Pat and Dan Maycunich*

Patricia Maycunich - April 01, 2016 at 09:22 AM

LH

*What a beautiful soul..so happy to have her as a family member...even though our meeting was late in life I will treasure our times together
With Love,
Laura Enright Hassevoort*

Laura enright Hassevoort - April 01, 2016 at 12:33 PM

JD

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. I felt honored to have met such a nice lady and her wonderful family.
With Love, Joyce and Mel Driver*

JOYCE E DRIVER - April 02, 2016 at 08:29 PM

DE

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Enright. My deepest sympathy to Mr. Enright, Julie and family. I am blessed to have known such a wonderful lady and her family for many years.

*take care. love,
Debbie*

Debbie - April 05, 2016 at 08:54 AM

KW

Phyllis was always the "rock" in our family. For 61 years I knew she would be there for me when needed. Her strength and commitment to family and teaching were my role models. Her sharpest criticism was only a "tsk-tsk" and a shaking of her head. Her love and gentle humor will always be nearby.

Kaye Wallace - April 06, 2016 at 10:06 AM

OS

To Jerry and Julie , I was unable to come to visitation due to my limited mobility , you have my sympathy . Oran Skeldon

Oran Skeldon - April 08, 2016 at 09:47 AM

LB

Julie, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our condolences to you and your dad.

Tom & Linda (Schnell) Boisvert

Linda Schnell Boisvert - April 10, 2016 at 03:29 PM