



Edith Maxine Phillips

March 30, 1918 - December 26, 2013

Edith Maxine Phillips, 95, of Bloomington passed away at Garden Villa Health Care Center on Thursday, December 26, 2013.

She was born in Greene County, Indiana on March 30, 1918 into the home of James and Lina (Joseph) Barns. Edith was a school teacher for 34 and a half years teaching two years in Greene County, two years in Lyons, and 30 and a half years with the Monroe County School Corporation. Edith was a member of the Solsberry Christian Church where she taught Sunday school, Indiana State Retired Teachers Association, Monroe County Retired Teachers Association, Monroe County Farm Bureau, Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Sorority, and she was a volunteer at Peden Farms and Meals on Wheels.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lee Phillips; brothers, Warren, Lowell, and Clifford Barns; and sisters, Ava Weimer, Lois Hudson, and Jeannette Jackson.

Edith is survived by her son, David Phillips (Sandy) of Bloomington; daughter, Dianna Rathert (Michael) of West Lafayette; grandchildren, Lindsay Falkenberg (Scott), Courtney Payne (Jacob), Sarah Strong (Brent), and Kelly Garrett (Jon) and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Solsberry Christian Church on Monday,

December 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Don Thie officiating. Burial is to follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Friends may visit with the family at the church on Sunday, December 29, 2013 from 4:00 to 8:00.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Solsberry Christian Church.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Solsberry Christian Church
10825 E. Christian Church RD
Solsberry, IN 47459

Service

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ *What a wonderful lady and friend. Each and every time I saw Edith, I was met with a smile, and a friendly greeting. Our loss is heaven's gain, and my life was truly enriched by knowing her. My prayers and thoughts are with the family, but please know, this place was a better place by her touching our lives.*

Jeff Holland - December 31, 2013 at 10:34 AM

LS

“ *I was a student of Mrs. Phillips in middle school - 6th grade at Central. She was amazing! A great teacher and a truly gentle soul. Because of her, I still avoid killing ants on the sidewalk! I'm sure Heaven has been blessed with her presence. Peace be with you.*

Lorenda (Noel) Schrader

Lorenda Schrader - December 31, 2013 at 09:06 AM

JF

“ David, Dianna and families- thank you for letting us share your mother- what a sweetheart! I'm so sorry to hear of her passing but she has surely won her award. She was my fifth grade teacher at Kirksville (all 12 grades when I started but whittled down to 8 grades after consolidation).



I have a little better handwriting than most men and that's thanks to Mrs. Phillips. If you couldn't read it- it was unacceptable. When I was filling out marriage licenses at the Clerk's office and someone would comment on my handwriting, I always shared who was responsible for it. I was also lucky enough to save up enough money to buy the old up-right piano from you all- talk about heavy!

More recently, I was lucky enough to have both her and Lee work the precinct polling sites. I could always count on that precincts' paperwork coming back clean and readable and always knew it was correct because they were meticulous.

I'm sure Mrs. Phillips will have lots of time to catch up with her loved ones, friends and fellow teachers now that she's gone on to her reward. May God Bless her beautiful soul.

"She has fought a good fight, finished her course and kept her faith". 2Tim. 4:7

Good-bye until we meet again!

"Jimmy Fielder"

Jim Fielder - December 30, 2013 at 04:04 PM

LH

“ David, Dianna, and your families, I was sorry to read of Edith's passing. She was my 1st grade teacher at Clover Bottom 1 room school. She was a very good teacher and friend. I know she will be missed even though she was confined to the Garden Villa Health Care Center. My prayers are with you.

Laura Jean Crane Hollingshead

Laura J. Hollingshead - December 28, 2013 at 11:50 AM

VS

“ Our thoughts and prayers from the Therapy Staff at IU Health Proton Therapy Center

Victor Simoneaux - December 28, 2013 at 09:14 AM

LM

“ Dianna, So sorry to read of losing your precious Mom. I remember when we were at Bloomington High School and she had our class. She was so nice and always looked beautiful. My husband knew your Dad and thought the world of him. Thinking of you and your family at this sad time. LeeAnn Miller Murphy

leeann murphy - December 28, 2013 at 07:27 AM

ED

“ Mrs. Phillips was always a favorite teacher of mine. My first name being Edith was an immediate ice breaker in 6th grade science. Our friendship continued through the years. She was a sweetheart and her smile will be missed.

Edie - December 28, 2013 at 01:33 AM