



Grace L Bovard

January 15, 1926 - May 18, 2015

Grace Leone Bovard (nee Garmong) age 89, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2015 at Wittenburg Lutheran Village. Grace was born on January 15, 1926 in Morocco, IN to Porter and Alma Gramong. She graduated from Morocco High School as Valedictorian, class of 1944 and went on to study education at Indiana University in Bloomington, where she received her Bachelor of Science (1948) and her MBA 1954). Grace started teaching at Merrillville High School in 1948, where she met the love of her life, James Bovard. Grace taught Business Education at Merrillville for 40 years. She served as Business Department Chairperson, and sponsor for the Sunshine Club (she was even known as "Mrs. Sunshine). She was a long time and active member of Delta Kappa Gamma (honorary sorority of women educators). Throughout her years of teaching, Grace treated her students with respect and friendship, but always expected excellence from them in the classroom. She was beloved by those students during her years at Merrillville and after her retirement. Even with her many professional commitments, Grace always made time for her husband and family, as they were the focus of her life. In all aspects of her life, Grace's Christian faith was her guiding principal. Grace was preceded in death by her parents, her in-laws, Vinson and Ethel Bovard, three brothers- John, Richard, and Charles Garmong, her sisters-in-law- Maxine and Pauline Garmong and Nancy (Bovard) Newman, three nephews- Jay, Don and Robert Garmong. Grace is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, James Bovard, brother-in-law Wayne Newman, special niece Janice (Lee) Shirer,

nieces Kathryn (Gary) Seibert, Carol (Bill) Fouty, Janet (Rob) Canary, Emma Jo Everly, Nancy Garmong and Yolanda Garmong, nephew-Rick(Gloria) Garmong, and special great-nephew Troy (Mari) Shirer, along with numerous other nieces and nephews. Grace is also survived by hundreds of former students who consider more than just a teacher. Whether Grace was teaching a class, playing piano in a band with her brothers, caring for family, hosting a 4th of July party or traveling the country she loved, she did it with gusto and a genuine love for life. Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral service Wednesday at Burns, Crown Point at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations to Wittenberg Lutheran Village or the Alzheimer's Research Center. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Prairie View Cemetery

Morocco, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

MAY 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ My heartfelt condolences out to Jim, Janice, Rick, and family. My memories of Grace go back to my childhood when Grace and Jim would visit in Morocco. I remember the great smile and happy laughter! She was like a sister to my mother, Elsa Mae, who was married to Race's brother, Charles. Rest in peace, Dear Lady. Love, Kathleen Yoder Rotert

Kathleen - May 28, 2015 at 08:38 PM

WS

“ She was my "idol" - her smile was contagious as was her personality. God bless you, Mr. Bovard, as you travel on. Sincerely, Wanda (Stowers) Sickles class of 1956

Wanda Sickles - May 27, 2015 at 09:23 AM

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“ I was one of Grace's students at Merrillville. I had her for shorthand and typing. I remember her fondly as a very kind and caring individual. She always acted and dressed professionally and I always respected her. I remember her telling us once that she would swim every day in the lake by her home in LOFS all the way until Thanksgiving. I never forgot this as I was sooo impressed by that from an "older" person. She will be missed but will be remembered.

I pray that the Lord comfort Grace's entire family as they grieve the loss of this wonderful woman.

Christine Dixon (DeWell)

Christine Dixon (DeWell) - May 26, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Grace L Bovard.*



May 22, 2015 at 01:00 PM



“ *My sympathy to you. Grace Garmong was my favorite teacher at MHS. I went to college for business because of her influence. Class of 1951. I am now in Minnesota enjoying retirement. Blessed be her memory Bonnie Lindborg Gustafson.*

Bonnie Lindborg Gustafson - May 21, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ *My love and prayers to Mr. Bovard and family in the loss of Grace. She was a wonderful person and teacher. She was my shorthand teacher for 2 years and I was lucky enough to be her student assistant my senior year. Because of her I became a Business Education teacher and especially loved teaching shorthand. I knew I had made it when I finished school in February and was substitute teaching. She called one night and said "This is Gracie, can you substitute for me tomorrow." RIP Mrs. Bovard.
Janet (Gaines) Trella class of 1964*

Jan Trella - May 21, 2015 at 04:55 PM

RJ

“ *The Class of 1952 wants to "Thank the Bovard's" for always attending our reunions and other functions throughout these may years. We will miss Grace and her forever smile. Jim, I hope this doesn't mean the end of your attendance. You are always welcome.*

Ron & Juanita Jones

Ron Jones - May 20, 2015 at 07:27 PM

MR

“ *Gentle hugs as you grieve the loss of Grace in your lives. I was so happy to be one of her Sunshine Girls at Merrillville High School, Class of 1962. She inspired so many of us and kept us motivated while having lots of fun.*

Take extra care as your mourn and heal.

Maggy (Murphy) Rose

Maggy Rose - May 20, 2015 at 05:06 PM