



Mildred M. Gruenenfelder

September 29, 1922 - October 22, 2011

Mildred Marie Gruenenfelder, age 89 of Gary, died October 22, 2011. She was a librarian in the Gary Public Schools, Emerson High School and Beckman Middle School, for over 30 years until she was 76. "Mil" was a great lover of books - good fiction. She was preceded in death by sons David and John Gruenenfelder. She is survived by her husband John "Jack" Gruenenfelder; sons Thomas (Kay Mueller) Gruenenfelder of Bloomington, Paul and Gregory Gruenenfelder both of Hobart; daughter Rev. Vivian (Dawn Marie) Gruenenfelder of Mt. Shasta, CA; and sisters Mary Lou Greenburg, Doris Mae Myers and Nancy Segan, all of Toledo, OH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, October 28, 2011 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Lake Church, 6060 Miller Ave., Gary, IN. Rev. Selvaraj Selladurai officiating. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Portage, IN. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, IN. and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until time of the Mass at the church. www.burnsfuneral.com

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“ This is a much belated condolence to you Sister Vivienne and Tom; I did get news of Mildred's death not too long after and, of course from Jack's yearly missive. Didn't figure out how to contact you then, so will take the chance now.

I met Mildred when Gregg and John were toddlers and you lived in south Gary ("Morning Side" neighborhood). They and my youngest daughter attended a.m. LWV meetings regularly. Mildred and I became good reading buddies and friends from then on - did you ever come to our Christmas parties? the boys did. She had such a keen mind and dedication to life well lived.

I volunteered to help her put the school library on computer, this was a labor intensive effort of taking the card catalog, the record of use, the physical book off the shelf and typing said data onto computer. When I reported to her that all the health books were missing she said"oh, they get stolen all the time, they read the naughty bits, share it and discuss it, I just get more replacements.) This was a jr. high, the principal was a good friend of mine and I, impressed and amused, shared with him. He replied "since Mildred has been librarian pregnancies have declined significantly. She's wonderful."

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