



Phyllis J. Kendall

June 12, 1930 - November 27, 2009

Phyllis J. (McKee) Kendall, 79, of New Castle, died Friday, November 27, 2009 in Henry County Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. Phyllis was born June 12, 1930 in Indianapolis, a daughter of the late Robert S. and Margaret (Hernly) McKee.

She was a 1948 graduate of Indianapolis Howe High School. She married the love of her life, Robert Kendall, on August 14, 1949. Phyllis was employed by the New Castle School Corporation for 27 years where she spent seven years as a library aid at the Seventh Grade Building and 20 years as secretary at Greenstreet Elementary. She was a long-time member and faithful servant of New Castle First Friends Meeting. She was a very giving person and volunteered at the Westminster Community Center, Meals On Wheels, and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. She was a member of Tri Kappa, Business Professional Women's Club, and the Lady Elks. She loved and lived for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two children, Brad (wife: Debbie) Kendall of Morganton, North Carolina and Robin (husband: Gary) Hedrick of New Castle; five grandchildren, Stacey (husband: Jason) Brewer of Hudson, North Carolina, Leah Kendall of Fort Mill, South Carolina, J.D. Owens of New Castle, Christy (husband: Scott) Alfrey of New Castle and Shea Hedrick of Slidell, Louisiana; great-grandchildren, Tanner Alfrey, Trent Alfrey and Peyton Brewer; a brother, Bob (wife: Louise) McKee of Indianapolis; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert "Bob" Kendall on November 19, 2008.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle with Curt Shaw officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kenny Irwin Jr. Memorial Campground or First Friends Meeting with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *My children and I are lifting you and your family up in our daily prayers.*

Kellie Clay - December 04, 2009 at 02:36 PM

AE

“ *I remember Mrs. Kendall at Greenstreet..she was always very nice to all of us kids. I can remember her nursing me a few times when I was sick..comforting me til' my mom got there..will never forget how sweet she was..sorry for your loss..a sweet soul who will be missed!*

Aimee Eaton - December 03, 2009 at 02:14 PM

TK

“ *Thank you Mrs. Kendall for getting me a coat when it was freezing outside. I came to the office at Greenstreet from recess because the coat I had did not have buttons,they had fallen off. I was using pins to keep my coat closed. You changed that and gave my mother a call. Thank you for giving me warmth because of the person you were not just the coat. Now God will keep you warm.
Sincerely, Tina King-Pemberton, RN, MBA*

Tina King-Pemberton - December 03, 2009 at 11:49 AM

KT

“ *Mrs. Kendall will be missed. I attended Greenstreet and will never forget her! She was a Lady of her time, who was always helpful with a smile... R.I.P.*

Kevin Troxell - December 03, 2009 at 11:15 AM

BW

“ Hello,
I can vividly remember Mrs. Kendall like it was yesterday. I am a graduate of Greenstreet Elementary and am kind of sad to say that Mr. Bob Showalter's office seemed like my second home at times! But Mrs. Kendall would look upon me with kindness and was always so nice. I think sometimes she must have just shook her head and thought I just had a little too much energy for my own good back then.
If you went to the principal's office or not, I believe that she knew each student's name individually. My parents liked her a great deal as well also. I hated leaving New Castle in June of 1983 but it was people like her who's influence or memory sustained me and made me the person I am today. She was one of the reasons that, in hindsight, Greenstreet was such the perfect school to attend when I was growing up.
Please accept my deepest sympathies and know that you are in my thoughts.
Respectfully,
Bryce D. Word (Greenstreet Class of 1981)

Bryce D. Word - December 02, 2009 at 03:27 PM

KB

“ Brad, Debbie & Family, We pray the love of God enfolds you during this difficult time and he helps you heal with each day that passes. God took you in his loving arms He said you needed rest. His garden must be beautiful For he only takes the best. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Travel safely. Love, Karen & Keith

Karen and Keith Barbieri - December 02, 2009 at 03:18 PM

CC

“ Robin, just want you to know that you and your family have been in my thoughts and prayers. I am deeply sorry that I was unable to attend the viewing. Your mom was just an amazing woman. She will always hold a special place in my heart. May God Bless, Cathy Crabtree

Cathy Crabtree - December 01, 2009 at 11:46 AM

ER

“ A loving, caring human being...fun person to be with...devoted friend...spiritual person...proud mother and mammaw...she thrived on time spent with family...a friend that got me through some tough times...always upbeat. It was great to be around her. My life feels a little dimmer now without her but what a blessing to have had her in my life. Thank you Phyllis for being my friend.

Ellen Kay Rogan - December 01, 2009 at 08:08 AM

DG

“ Phyllis was a very special girl. I saw her so few times, but each time I was welcomed as family. Her home and heart were always open wide for all. I'll miss her and look forward to seeing her again when we all get together down the road. She's got some pretty terrific folks waiting for her. Sorry I can't be there in person, but am certainly there in spirit. Fondly, Danny

Danny Gonsalves - November 30, 2009 at 09:32 PM

CW

“ Debbie and Family, Please know that my families thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We pray that the Lord will give you peace and guidance through this difficult period. If we can be of service to you and your family, please let us know.

Charles Williams - November 30, 2009 at 02:26 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your mother.... You are in my thoughts and prayers...

Mary Miller - November 30, 2009 at 09:14 AM

RL

“ Dear Robin and Brad, Phyllis Kendall-one classy lady. God made a special mold called "elementary school secretary", but He only made the special ones from that mold. Phyllis made everyone who walked in the office feel that they were important. Every parent and child was treated with dignity and respect. But that was just who Phyllis was-she didn't think to act that way because it was natural to her.

I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Beckie Looney

Rebecca Davis Looney - November 29, 2009 at 09:12 PM

PW

“ *Phyllis J. Kendall*

Priscilla White - November 29, 2009 at 05:49 PM

CD

“ *To Phyllis' family, We are so saddened by the death of your mother, grandmother, sister. We enjoyed seeing her each year when cousin Fred would make his trip here from Arizona and we would meet at the Lakeview Restaurant near Connersville. Your mother was such a caring, nurturing person who always found the good in people. You have been richly blessed. We are keeping you in our prayers and hope you will be comforted by all of the special memories and special times you have had with her.*

Carolyn (Susie) Heck Doub - November 28, 2009 at 02:20 PM

JD

“ *Robin, You and your family are in my prayers*

Jill Devine - November 27, 2009 at 11:43 PM