



Frances Dooley

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Frances Dooley, 98, of Centerville passed away Monday, November 14, 2016 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville. Frances was born to Floyd & Dessie (Main) Dykes on April 1, 1918 in Rathbun, Iowa. She graduated from Centerville High School in 1935. Frances was united in marriage to Ray Dooley on September 27, 1941. To this union were two children, Rosemary and Eddie. Frances taught school for 44 years beginning in a one room school house and retiring from Lincoln Elementary. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Centerville, Appanoose County Retired Teachers Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. Frances loved being a teacher and loved each student she had the pleasure to educate. She also enjoyed walking/exercising with friends and spent many mornings at Hardees drinking coffee with her friends. Of all things, family came first to Frances and gave her the most joy. Survivors include son, Eddie Dooley of Aledo, Illinois, four grandchildren; Steve Mihalovich of Moravia, Jan Cowan (David) of Cincinnati, Iowa, Logan Sexton (Kyle) of Asheville, North Carolina, Chase Dooley (Caryssa) of Roscoe, Illinois, five great grandchildren; Zac Cowan of Centerville, Zeth Cowan of Cincinnati, Kailyn Dooley of Roscoe, Illinois, Kira Dooley of Roscoe, Illinois, Odessa Sexton of Asheville, North Carolina, two siblings; Deyolene Shanahan of Centerville, Dick Dykes of Crossville, Tennessee and a son-in-law, Paul Mihalovich of Moravia. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ray Dooley, daughter, Rosemary Mihalovich, sister, Hilda Walter and brother, Jack Dykes. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 18, 2016 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Lloyd Johnston officiating. Interment will follow immediately at Haines Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Thomas Funeral Home with the family present from 5-7 p.m. Memorials may be given to Lincoln Elementary PTO or First Baptist Church and condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Frances Dooley please visit our



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Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Haines Cemetery Hwy 5 & 470th Street
Centerville, IA 52544 Visitation NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral
Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA
52544[(mailto:)]<http://www.thomasfh.com> Funeral Service NOV 18. 10:30 AM
(CST) First Baptist Church 603 W. State St.Centerville, IA 52544



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:57 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:08 PM



Thomas Banich posted:

Ed Dooley and Family, My late mother Ann Radavich from Rathbun was friends with Frances since childhood. I met your Mom in 1970 and then drove my Mom out to Iowa in 1992 and in April of 2011. They went to Junior college and taught the primary grades together for two years. My mother passed away in Sept 2011 but I took her to see Frances just a few months beforehand. I sent your Mom some old photos from their days teaching and I spoke to her last April (their b-days were both in April) by phone and she knew who I was and acknowledged the photos. May God bless her and your family. thomasb818@aol.com Thomas Banich=Chicago Illinois

November 17 at 7:00 PM



Suzanne Abbott posted:

Fran was a beautiful., thoughtful, caring lady. My sympathy and prayers to her family.Abbott

November 17 at 7:00 PM



Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Dooley.

November 16 at 7:00 PM



Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in memory of Frances Dooley

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BB

Beautiful In Blue posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances Dooley.

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CG

Carole S Gile posted:

Frances was always kind and friendly, a great cousin. Her daughter Rosemary was just as sweet and kind. I had the pleasure of teaching Jan in 5th grade. My condolences to her family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Carole S. Gile Bella Vista, AR

November 16 at 7:00 PM

JC

Jean Collins posted:

Mrs. Dooley was a great teacher, she taught all 4 of my kids, We remained friends and sent cards at Christmas time. I will miss her. God be with her and the family at this time. Rest in Peace. Jean Collins and family

November 16 at 7:00 PM

HL

Helen Leslie posted:

Mrs Dooley was my favorite teacher. She taught me at Rathbun School for 3rd and fourth grade. Some of my best memories. She would read us a chapter of a book each morning. (Hardy Boys, Trixie Belden, Nancy Drew.) How we loved it. She was patient and loving and a friend for life.

November 15 at 7:00 PM

JH

Joe Anne Hayes posted:

Ray and Frances were two of my favorite people, both so kind and lots of fun. Frances at Lincoln school and Ray on the golf course. I have so many great memories of them both. My sincere sympathy. Joe Anne Hayes

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SW

Sue Wind posted:

I taught remedial reading in Frances' 2nd grade class in Centerville and Cincinnati the year Ray passed away. It was probably 1974 or 1975. She developed a rash all over her arms, and had to wear Saran Wrap on her arms to keep it from spreading. Even in her grief, she could laugh about how silly she looked with Saran Wrap on her arms. Frances was a loving and caring teacher and a dear friend of mine. We kept in touch all these years. Every April Fools' Day, Frances got a birthday card and letter from me. Every Christmas, she received the annual Wind Family Saga. She told me she read every word of my long letters, and loved reading them. Frances faithfully wrote to me every year on my birthday and at Christmas, and sent a handwritten letter in her neat & distinctive teacher-type cursive. I treasured those letters that she wrote. She was genuinely happy to see me every time I stopped at her house on Park Street for a visit. Even in her 90's, when she hadn't seen me for a while (I moved away from Centerville in 1990), she still remembered who I was, and always said it 'made her day' when I came to visit. Her wonderful welcome and genuine smile made me feel very special, and I was grateful to be a part of her day. I will never forget what a dear loving person Frances always was. God blessed me by sending Frances Dooley into my life! Sue Wind 1639 320th Street Jamaica, IA 50128

November 15 at 7:00 PM

CK

C Kelley posted:

Eddie, Jan and Family, I have not seen Frances for years, however, I still remember the sound of her voice and her big smile. She had a heart of gold that was passed on to Rosemary. You never forget the ones that touched your heart. Peace be with you. Dan and Carol Pickard Kelley

November 15 at 7:00 PM

MA

Mary Jo Adams posted:

She was a great teacher...I enjoyed my 2nd grade year..I remember reciting the Pledge every morning w pride..She was so patient w us.....My Aunt June was her hairstylist for years...I saw her a while back at my Aunts funeral and I was able to share w her my accomplishments in life...and so forth ...we shared some laughs and she looked amazing and had the same kind sweet smile and curly hair.....She was also my brother Wades teacher...We loved Lincoln Elementary and so many fun memories...and great friends made along the way...She touched the lives of many....

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Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frances by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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