



Marilou A. Wardrop

April 15, 2026

Marilou Ade Wardrop, 102, of Huntington, passed away at 6:00 pm Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Huntington. She was born on June 8, 1923 in Huntington and was the daughter of Ervin William and Irma Martha Stetzel Ade.

She graduated from Huntington High School in 1941 and received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Manchester College in 1959 and her Master of Arts degree in counseling and guidance from Ball State University in 1963.

She started her career in education in South Whitley teaching social studies and art from 1959 to 1963. She taught in the Fort Wayne Community School Corporation from 1963 until 1966 and the Huntington County Community School Corporation from 1966 until retirement in 1985. In 1977-78 she served as the first coordinator for the Artist-in-Residence program for the Huntington County Community School Corporation.

After retirement, Marilou became involved in volunteering for local organizations. She was involved with the restoration of the Hotel LaFontaine in 1985-1986. She served on the Board of the LaFontaine Arts Council and the Huntington Literacy Coalition Board. She served as a tutor for the English as a Second Language Program and was Tutor of the Year in 2005. She has

been a faithful member of the Trinity United Methodist Church since 1935 where she taught Sunday School and served on committees and commissions. She was active in the United Methodist Women and was Woman of the Year in 2011. She has also been an active member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, First Mothers' Club, Indiana Sorosis, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Shakespeare Club and Huntington County Retired Teachers' Association.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana (Rick) Reed of Huntington, stepson. David (Margaret) Wardrop of Marstons Mills, MA; granddaughters, Rachael Small of South Haven MI, Sarah Reed of Roanoke, IN; two grandsons, Philip Reed of Huntington, IN, Adam (Margaret) Reed of Milwaukee, WI; step granddaughter; a great granddaughter, three great grandsons, two step great grandchildren and sixteen nieces & nephews.

She married Thomas Wardrop, JR. on October 24, 1973, and he preceded her in death on December 28, 2005. Others preceding her in death were her parents, her son, M. Philip Rich, two brothers, five sisters and a step daughter in law.

Visitation will be from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington

Preferred memorials can be made out to one of the following organizations, the Phil Rich Memorial Scholarship, United with Love, or Trinity United Methodist Church.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Marilou A. Wardrop.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

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Burial

MAY 2 (ET)

Mt. Hope Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

FS

“ *My Aunt Marilou was special to me, very kind loving and encouraging throughout my childhood. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Diana and family in the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother.*
Fred & Anna Stout

Fred Stout - April 30 at 01:03 PM

RS

Her children, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and friends all miss her. She was an accomplished and giving spirit. Sorry to miss her service for there will be much to remember and to celebrate. Now is the time for family and friends to comfort each other. Hugs and Condolences to all, Rich Stout and Laura Lane.

Richard A Stout - May 01 at 12:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilou A. Wardrop.*



April 29 at 10:20 AM

KL

“ *She was my art teacher she was kind never let you feel unnoticed. I wasn't good at art. But plenty of kids were she taught them well. She will be missed, mind you I'm 58 I would of been like 9 or 10. You will be missed.*

Kimberly Lampy - April 27 at 07:00 PM

JV

“ I was so lucky to have Mrs. Wardrop as my Art Teacher at Central. I will never forget her. She was such a fun Teacher. She touched so many lives!! I am so sorry for your loss. What an Amazing Woman! She will be missed by so many people! I am keeping you and your family in my prayers. With Deepest Sympathy, Jane Hale Varney



Jane Hale Varney - April 23 at 06:32 AM

PS

“ Diana, You and family are in my heart. Your Mom was beautiful and gracious and often late... I remember your wedding day! I wish I could be with you to share your grief but hope you feel the hugs and love.
Pat & Woody

Pat Stucker - April 22 at 03:58 AM

JS

“ Diana and family
Sorry for the loss of your mother, she was such a sweet woman with a smile on her face all the time. Thoughts and prayers to you.

Jennifer (Lofland) Scalf - April 21 at 07:49 PM

CM

“ *Diana, Sarah and Family, your Mother and Grand Mother was a wonderful lady. I have fond memories of her from Church and from spending time at the house when Phil and I were in grade school and middle school. She was all ways kind and was quick to talk to me when she would see me. You were all so fortunate to have a wonderful lady to call Mother and Grand Mother! She had a wonderful long life and I know you will miss her greatly.*

Chon Michael

Chon Michael - April 20 at 10:51 PM

JM

“ *Julie Mckinzie lit a candle in memory of Marilou Wardrop*



Julie Mckinzie - April 20 at 12:10 PM

MF

“ *It was an honor to care for Marilou and to have had the chance to get to know her. We shared a special bond that I will always cherish. I am grateful for the memories, her kindness, and the impact she left on my heart. Rest in Heaven sweet Marilou ❤️*



marley fordyce - April 20 at 11:32 AM

SK

“ *Diana and family: memories of your mother greeting me at your front door as I'd pick you up to continue our walk to school each day. She always made me feel special. That smile and those sparkly eyes! And many years later she helped after my mom's stroke. Thinking of you so much right now.*
Susie Essig Knust

Susie Essig Knust - April 19 at 03:47 PM

LU

“ *Marilou was a valued member of the Huntington Shakespeare Club. She was gracious in her comments and presentations, and I appreciated her kindness. I feel honored to count her as my friend.*

Linda K Urschel - April 18 at 09:31 AM



“ *she was always a sweetheart. she will be very missed! i'm so glad i had the opportunity to take care of her for 2 years! thinking of the family in this hard time:(*

Alyssa Uhrick - April 17 at 03:09 PM