



Phyllis J. French

August 7, 1939 - August 21, 2015

Phyllis J. French, age 76, of Marion, went to be with the Lord Friday morning (August 21, 2015) at her home.

Phyllis was born August 7, 1939 in Seymour, Indiana, the daughter of Paul W. and Martha (Julian) Rigsbee. She was a 1957 graduate of Marion High School and graduated from Marion College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Hearing and Speech from Ball State University. She worked for the Marion Community School Corporation for over 40 years, teaching at Kendall Elementary School. She was a member of Indiana State Teachers Association and a lifetime member of the National Education Association. Phyllis was a member of First Friends Church in Marion, where she played hand bells, sang in the choir, and taught Sunday school. Also at the church, she served as Clerk and member of Ministry and Oversight. She also served on the Missions Commission and the Little Friends Daycare board. She was a member of Tri Kappa Gamma Rho Chapter and also Lyric Club. She loved to read and sing and was actively involved in the Marion Civic Theater.

Phyllis is survived by a son - James Michael French of Marion; two granddaughters - Hannah French and Emma French; two brothers - Phillip (Shirley) Rigsbee and Don (Carol) Rigsbee, both of Marion; a sister - Janice (Thomas) Kulczyk of Jonesboro. Her parents and a brother - Paul E. Rigsbee,

preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday (August 25, 2015) at First Friends Church, 2211 North Wabash Road, Marion, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday (August 26, 2015) with Pastors Bob Garra and Jeff Nagel officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana 46750.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Friends Church
2211 Wabash Road
Marion, IN

Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Friends Church
2211 Wabash Road
Marion, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis J. French



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - August 24, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ Oh Mrs French. I was a student of yours so long ago but I remember you so very well. I was looking u up and happened to find this u passed away. So sad you were one amazing teacher in woman . Your 4th grade class was the best. You were so good to me even tho I was so bad. You worked with me. You read books to us I could go on in on you always stayed in my heart in memory. I'm thankful to have had u in my life. Hope your enjoying the heavens. Love ya Mrs French see u again one day

Holly Oyler - August 25, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ The staff of Cancer Services of Grant County would like to extend our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Grant County Cancer Services - August 25, 2015 at 09:53 AM

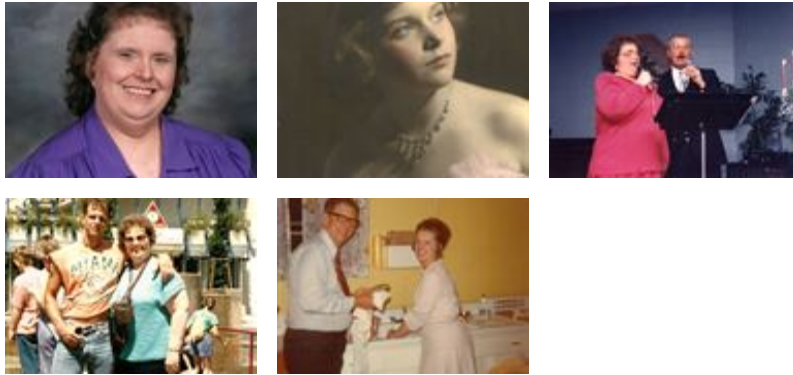
WC

“ We are sending our deep sympathies to the family of Phyllis French.
The Wound/Ostomy Clinic Staff

Wound Clinic - August 24, 2015 at 02:02 PM

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“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - August 24, 2015 at 12:46 PM

BM

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you...I had the privilege of student teaching with Phyllis as my mentor at Kendall Elementary School and then working with her as a fellow teacher...I left Kendall but our paths crossed many times over the years...each encounter was marked with pleasant memories and shared laughter and smiles. She was respected by all who knew her and she will be missed.

Barb McClure

Barb McClure - August 23, 2015 at 04:48 PM

JD

“ You will be sadly missed. One of my favorite teachers, I loved having Mrs. French in fourth grade! Prayers and lots of love to her family!
Jennifer Shipman

Jennifer Shipman Dean - August 23, 2015 at 08:33 AM

DG

“ Dan Galey sent a virtual gift in memory of
Phyllis J. French



Dan Galey - August 22, 2015 at 04:55 AM