



Deloris Eileen Sombke

February 1, 1937 - March 11, 2025

Deloris Eileen Sombke,

88, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully March 11, 2025. She was born February 1, 1937 in Ferney, South Dakota to Clarence and Flora (Erdmann) Sombke. Deloris graduated from Groton High School in Groton, South Dakota. She attended Concordia Teacher College in Seward, Nebraska, obtaining her teacher's certificate and began her teaching career at Zion Lutheran School in Tobias, Nebraska. She continued her education at Seward, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1964. In 1960 she began teaching at Calvary Lutheran School in Lincoln, Nebraska. Deloris came to Indianapolis in August of 1966, to teach at Trinity Lutheran School where she continued until she retired in 2002. Deloris received her Master's Degree in Education from Butler University in 1976.

Deloris loved the Lord, and was active at Trinity Lutheran Church. Over the years she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She was also involved with the Youth Group, LWML, Trinity Business Women, Single Sisters, CART, Wednesday Women's Bible Study, Circle, and Friendship Bible Study. She was also an excellent Prayer Warrior.

Visitation will be Friday, March 14, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 8540 East 16th Street, Indianapolis.

Deloris was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, Harlowe, James and Eugene Sombke. She is survived by her sisters, Janise Mahon,

Norma Wacholz, Beverly Hite, and Bette Martin; sister-in-law, Esperanza Sombke; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church or School.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
8540 East 16th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Visitation

MAR 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HS

“ Hope Sombke purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Deloris Eileen Sombke.



Hope Sombke - March 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM

HS

“ Hope Sombke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deloris Eileen Sombke.

Hope Sombke - March 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM

CN

“ Cynthia Neawedde lit a candle in memory of Deloris Eileen Sombke



Cynthia Neawedde - March 12, 2025 at 07:13 PM

CN

“ She was a kind and gracious lady and all my kids loved her as a teacher.

Cynthia Neawedde - March 12, 2025 at 07:13 PM

DH

“ *Daphne Hittle lit a candle in memory of Deloris Eileen Sombke*



Daphne Hittle - March 12, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DH

“ *Deloris was my favorite teacher at Trinity! She was so kind and had a good heart.
She will be missed by many.
Daphne*

Daphne Hittle - March 12, 2025 at 02:22 PM

KA

Delores was such a kind soul. I always enjoyed being around her. Like her brother, Gene, she prayed for my family when we lost my husband to cancer in 2010. I know that she is in the arms of Jesus and I am looking forward to seeing her in heaven someday. I never heard her or any of the many Sombke's say an unkind word. That family has generational positivity in it if that's a thing!

Kay Alimanestiano - March 12, 2025 at 07:13 PM

JB

All 3 of our children had Delores as their 2nd grade teacher. She always was so positive and cheerful with all her dealings with parents of her students. Truly a wonderful soul. God continue to bless her memory.

Jim Boerger - March 13, 2025 at 03:13 PM