



Lois Harmon Poteet

June 20, 1932 - February 13, 2016

Lois Harmon Poteet,

passed peacefully from this life on February 13, 2016. Born on June 20, 1932 in Louisville, KY to J. Bertram and Mary Doris Harmon, Lois graduated from Louisville Girls High School in 1950 and Western Kentucky State University Teacher's College in 1954 and married Jim Poteet that same year. She later earned her Masters Degree in Education from Purdue University.

Vivacious, energetic and adventurous, Lois was dedicated to her immediate family and the community of people with whom she connected. She was a true individual who loved the outdoors and was passionate about teaching and making the world a better place for all. The majority of her 38-year career in education was with Indianapolis Washington Township Schools, where she held a variety of leadership positions and influenced many students who remained in contact with her throughout the years. She is also remembered as an accomplished watercolor artist, gourmet cook and gardener, as well as an avid birder and hiker.

Lois is survived by her children, Janae Poteet Craig (Brian) and Dane Poteet (Trish). Surviving grandchildren are Shannon Brumbaugh (Eric), Kelly Poteet, Kyle Craig and Dennis Craig, as well as great-grandchildren, Reagan Blackburne and Kinley Brumbaugh; also siblings, Jack Harmon and Judy Miller. She was predeceased by her grandson, Evan Scott Poteet and a sister, Dorris Maynard.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, February 18, at

Shirley Brothers Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd. with visitation hours from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Lois' life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to ShareKindness, 6940 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, FL 33146 and/or the National Art Education Foundation, 901 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel

9900 N. Allisonville Road

Fishers, IN 46038

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<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Tribute Wall

JF

“Lois was a neighbor from Britton Falls in Fishers. She will be missed. Here is a link to the Find A Grave website where a Memorial Page was created for her:

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=158188271>

Rest In Peace.

Jim & Sharon Sweet: Britton Falls - February 17, 2016 at 02:25 PM

BB

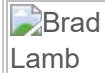
“Ann and I met Lois after we retired and moved to Britton Falls. She always had a smile and a good word to share. As Past President of the Britton Falls Choir, I owe a lot to Lois's work as the Music Librarian of the Choir. She kept all of us members up to date on the music and made sure we turned in what we did not need. I will always remember her smile.
Barrie Borger, Britton Falls Choir

Barrie Borger - February 17, 2016 at 11:26 AM

SD

“Lois was such an important part of my high school years as my Moose Family mom. (And it was a big and rowdy group to be a mom to!) I'll always remember her as one of the most big-hearted people I ever knew. Thanks for all the love!

Susan Donoghue - February 16, 2016 at 08:18 PM



Brad
Lamb

“ *Mrs. Poteet is one of the few teachers that made you want to learn about anything she wanted to teach. She made a real impact on my life and one of the teachers that I always think of when people ask who inspired me to be a teacher. Thank you Mrs. Poteet go with his knowing you made a difference for so many and we thank you for it!!!*

Brad Lamb - February 16, 2016 at 06:42 PM

SA

“ I would like to share a small tribute I wrote for Mrs Poteet.

My family and I are wishing the Poteet family peace and blessings through this loss.



For Mrs Poteet, 6th Grade Reading Class.

Yesterday I learned that my favorite teacher passed away on Saturday.

I spent the day thinking of her and then toasting with Rodrick all the ways she brought light to my life in the 11th year of my childhood. She was my 6th grade reading teacher. She was the kind of teacher that even when you were being scolded it felt like it was because she cared.

She created some truly extraordinary experiences for us, her students. I could actually write a few pages on that. And she instilled the warmth of being embraced by a story whether a frivolous mystery or important and painful historical fiction. But those are not the only ways that I know she touched so many kids lives.

She had a way of knowing when a kid needed that extra love in their day and she shared that in a way that felt unconditional and now taken for granted.

Yesterday wasn't the only time I've thought of her over the years. I've thought of her many times. She was a fixture in my childhood memories. She was some one who really went above and beyond for me to help shape me in a very positive way at a time when a lot of things were going wrong in my little life outside my school day. And I know if she did that for me she did that for countless others. What an incredible heart and energy she must have had. As an adult now I can really marvel at what that takes in life.

I regret that I only thought of her over the years and never took the time to seek her out and tell her what she meant for me and how much I appreciated that. She was kind of a rockstar in my mind. Like, what would I even say...

I hope she knows it now.

Sarah - February 16, 2016 at 04:19 PM

EF

“ Emily Matyas and FAI purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lois Harmon Poteet.



Emily Matyas and FAI - February 16, 2016 at 03:09 PM

JF

“ John and Carol Harmon, Jim and Jenny Harmon and family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Lois Harmon Poteet.



John and Carol Harmon, Jim and Jenny Harmon and family - February 16, 2016 at 11:29 AM

CH

“ Carol Harmon lit a candle in memory of Lois Harmon Poteet



Carol Harmon - February 16, 2016 at 10:05 AM

RA

I had her in 6 grade English at.northview

robert arney - February 16, 2016 at 08:57 PM



“ *Lois had an enormous impact on the lives of others. Here's one example. About six years ago she brought a dozen or so pairs of inexpensive reading glasses to distribute to elderly people in a Mexican village that we visited. She explained that the previous year she had given her reading glasses to a man who was trying to read with broken glasses. That's what gave her the idea. Mary Beth Metcalf who is involved in a safe water project in Kenya took Lois' idea and ran with it. Over the past five years she and her husband have distributed more than 12,000 pairs of reading glasses to the elderly in Kenya. And that is all thanks to Lois Poteet!*



Teri Metcalf - February 16, 2016 at 09:46 AM



What a wonderful story! Lois was so very generous!

Beverly Bravo - February 16, 2016 at 09:27 PM

MG

“ *I remember Mrs. Poteet as a sweet, energetic, positive teacher who brought a smile to my face. She will be missed, but never forgotten.*

Monica Strom Gellman - February 16, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ *Vivaciousadventuresome...fun loving...perfect words for an educator extraordinaire.*
Lois and I opened up a "big room" and team taught grade 3 in the early 70s at Nora Elementary School. I loved her creativity and flexibility. She was a beautiful lady. Blessings to you all.

Gigi Karmann - February 16, 2016 at 05:29 AM

NW

“ Momma Moose. She is the center of so many of my memories. She will never be forgotten. Thank you, Lois.

Nancy Wagner - February 15, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ Thank you for the wonderful gift that was Mrs. Poteet. She is the reason I became a teacher and fiercely love all that cross my path, she was a beautiful light that taught others to shine and I'm forever changed and grateful for that gift.

E - February 15, 2016 at 07:29 PM

DH

“ My heart truly hurts to hear of this news. Miss Poteet was my 6th grade reading teacher. She fostered my love of reading and writing and left a neverending mark on my life. My sincerest condolences go out to the family. Delina Hill-Brooker

Delina Hill-Brooker - February 15, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ Lois was always smiling and looking forward. She will be deeply missed by our family.

Jim Harmon - February 15, 2016 at 11:43 AM

LT

“*Mrs. Poteet was my one of the most influential and favorite teachers I ever had! Even though she was my third grade teacher, I never forgot my love and gratitude for her gentle but firm teaching style. I was so grateful to see her as an adult to hug her and tell her what she meant to me! God bless your family for sharing her! May you all find comfort knowing what a blessing she was to so many!*”

Lynda Hedberg Thies - February 15, 2016 at 11:24 AM