



## Madelynn K. Chandler Purdy

July 12, 1934 - May 11, 2024

### Madelynn K. Chandler Purdy

It is with great sadness that the family of Madelynn K. Chandler Purdy, age 89, announce her passing on May 11, 2024. Madelynn was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She lived a long and full life. Madelynn was born in Worth County, Iowa on July 12, 1934. She was primarily raised by her grandparents, William and Emilie (Christensen) Kottman, whom she loved dearly. She had a close relationship with her mother and stepfather, Esther and Harvey Gaarder, and her two stepsisters, Marge (Greg) and Myra (Raymond). As a child she went to school in Iowa Falls, Northwood, and Manly where she graduated from high school in 1952. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economic History at Iowa State University in 1957. She went on to earn a Master of Arts in History at Butler University in 1967 and a Law degree at Indiana University in Indianapolis in 1982.

Madelynn was a teacher at several Indianapolis Public Schools and at Eastwood Junior High School in Washington Township. In 1980 she began working for the Indiana Department of Revenue as a special deputy prosecuting attorney and remained there until she retired in 2001. When her children were young, Madelynn was Camp Fire Girl Leader. During the 1970s, Madelynn became active in politics and served as Democrat Precinct Committeewoman, Ward Chairwoman, and was a delegate to the Indiana State Democratic Convention. She pursued many hobbies and

interests including sewing, quilting, and gardening. She was an avid reader and possessed many books. Over the years, she had many pets, both cats and dogs. Madelynne had a soft spot for strays and rescues. Among her favorites were Longstreet, Daisy, Peepers, and Max. She made and kept many good friends throughout her life.

Madelynne was married twice. On July 31, 1955, she married Richard E. Chandler, and he preceded her in death February 26, 1976. On February 11, 1991, Madelynne married Richard C. Purdy and he preceded her in death December 10, 1998. Madelynne cherished her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Susan Christensen, Patricia McGuire (spouse Patrick), and Richard Chandler; stepchildren, Jenene Lighty (spouse Kerry), Janette Bridgeman (spouse Mark), and Joanna Bains (spouse Navjoat); grandchildren, Christopher Wren, Siobhan McGuire (spouse Eric), and Joseph McGuire (spouse Kayla); step-grandchildren, Kayla Goodremote (spouse Chad), Kalissa Lighty-Smith (spouse Em), Kinzie Lighty, Marissa Bains and Jolene Bains; great-grandchildren, Tadhg McGuire and Eamonn McGuire; and step-great-granddaughter, Khloey Goodremote. Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma will be sorely missed.

“If I had a flower for every time I thought of you...I could walk through my garden forever.” – Alfred Tennyson.

Visitation will be Friday, May 17, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12 noon at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. A few of Mom's favorites were Rosie's Southside Animal Shelter, Gleaner's Food Bank, the National Alliance for Mental Health, Arbor Day Foundation, Soaring Eagle Heritage Living Center, St. Joseph's Indian School, Boy's Town, the Democratic Party and candidates.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Madelynne was a very dear friend. We worked together in the Criminal Investigation Division for the Department of Revenue for many years. I will deeply miss her. We both loved the folk singer Gordon Lightfoot.. I still remember going to a Gordon Lightfoot concert with her.



Melody Poe - May 17, 2024 at 08:13 AM



Madeline was a long time, friend and a good friend. We talked together at Eastwood middle school but continue to see each other on a regular basis after she left there. Madeline and I did a little traveling together. A week at my place on Hair Island off the coast to Maine was a memorable time. In later life, it was lunches with other Eastwood teachers at the cheesecake factory good memories all.

Barbara Allerdice - November 14, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ Samir, Sheri, Linda, and Margie purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Madelynne K. Chandler Purdy.



Samir, Sheri, Linda, and Margie - May 14, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Madelynne K. Chandler Purdy.



May 14, 2024 at 12:46 PM

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“ *Jenene, Janette and Joanna and Families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Madelynn K. Chandler Purdy.*



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**Jenene, Janette and Joanna and Families** - May 14, 2024 at  
12:31 AM