



## Sonja Ann Mercer

October 7, 1937 - December 19, 2015

Sonja Mercer

Age 78, of Noblesville, died peacefully Saturday, December 19, 2015 with husband of 58 years, John Mercer, by her side.

There will be a private graveside interment service at a later date. She left detailed instructions for her family to celebrate her life in the upcoming months. Her instructions remind us to embrace her favorite philosophy "Life is Good!" She leaves us rich in memories, stories, laughter and love.

Donations may be sent in her memory to Answers for Autism, 6525 E. 82nd St., Suite 210-L, Indianapolis, IN 46250. [www.answersforautism.org](http://www.answersforautism.org) and The Wilson Disease Association, 5572 N. Diversity Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53217 [www.wilsondisease.org](http://www.wilsondisease.org). Her family asks that you read a book to a child as a tribute to a wonderful teacher. Sympathy cards may be mailed to 16534 Gleneagles Court, Noblesville, IN 46060.

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than 10,000 tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief and unspeakable love." ~ Washington Irving

# Tribute Wall



Melanie  
Craig

“ *She was a great first grade teacher for me. She pushed me to do my best and work hard. Love and prayers to her family!*

Melanie Craig - December 27, 2015 at 08:16 PM

BD

“ *A special lady, a great teacher, and wonderful friend to our whole family. Sonja made a difference in the lives of so many and will be held in our memories and in our hearts.*

*Bob McDaniel*

Bob Mc Daniel - December 24, 2015 at 09:17 PM



“ *I had her as a first grade teacher at Marie Thurston along time ago God bless u in this time of surrow from Barbara Presley haws*

Barbara Haws - December 23, 2015 at 08:50 PM

MB

“ *Sonja was a wonderful and very kind-hearted lady. She was a dear friend to my parents and she will be greatly missed. John, please know you and your family will remain in my prayers. May you find peace and comfort knowing sweet Sonja is resting in God's Heavenly Kingdom.*



mary bradley - December 23, 2015 at 11:45 AM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear this She was an amazing lady I remember when I was a kid. My prayers and deepest thoughts for you and your family Love Jeff Phillips

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**Jefferey Phillips** - December 23, 2015 at 12:17 AM

AG

“ I so fondly remember Sonja! She was a fabulous friend as I began my teaching career at Matie Thirston. My youngest was blessed to have her as his first grade teacher. She taught him to read and to enjoy learning, but one of the fondest memories was when she offered to pull his first loose tooth. She placed it so very carefully in a tiny tiny envelope with the date it was pulled. What an amazing woman! Her grace and amazing smile will forever be in my mind. She was quite the lady!  
Anne Gaunt

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**Anne Gaunt** - December 22, 2015 at 07:52 PM

DM

“ John and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sonja was a very special lady. She was a dear friend and a fellow teacher at Thurston Elementary. My fondest memories are of her humor and love for others. I will always cherish my memories, and they are many, of her.

*Debbie Moorman*

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**Debbie Moorman** - December 22, 2015 at 05:20 PM

CO

“ Mrs. Mercer was such an influential part of my elementary years and beyond even as I returned as a cadet teacher. Most recently I took extra pride every time she would comment on posts about our kids or my family. To say she will be missed is an understatement. Our prayers for comfort and peace during this time for your family and friends.

*Proud to have been your First grader!*

*Chris Owens*

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**Chris Owens** - December 22, 2015 at 04:49 PM

DK

“ I know the Schaedel family has many, many memories. It starts out with meeting the Mercer family at the Bon-Aire Hotel in St. Pete Beach, Fl. in 1967. Our families met there every year after that. Sonja and John became very good friends with my folks. Sonja and I would still laugh at the happenings there. One main memory is how my dad would stand on the balcony and yell to Sonja, "SONJA COME OUT AND PLAY WITH ME". I can here my father in heaven yelling to Sonja, "SONJA COME UP TO HEAVEN AND PLAY WITH ME." It is a great loss for the Mercer family. I just talked to her on Monday. She was a 2nd mother to me and we would laugh so much. My peace is knowing she is back in heaven with my mom and she has her best friend back and they can talk all they want. I luv u all so much and am sending hugs and kisses to u all. I will miss her so much. God Bless!

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**Deborah Schaedel Karlsen** - December 22, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BB

“ John,

*I was very sorry to learn of Sonja's death. My very sincere sympathy to you and your family members at this very difficult time.*

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**Bob Brothers** - December 22, 2015 at 11:16 AM

AS

“ *Sonja was not only my student teaching supervisor but a special friend. Many laughs and fun while her and John lived in Alex.*

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**amy saathoff** - December 22, 2015 at 09:04 AM

AS

“ *Ok ...Sonja would probably laugh at this ...I just wrote about being her student teacher but forgot too put my name on my paper....Amy Saathoff*

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**amy saathoff** - December 22, 2015 at 09:00 AM