



Edna Ruth Phillips Taylor

June 11, 1929 - June 24, 2019

RICHMOND, Ind. – Edna Ruth Phillips Taylor, age 90, of Richmond, Indiana, passed away Monday, June 24, 2019, at Rosebud Village.

Born June 11, 1929, in Richmond, Indiana, to Joseph E. and Harriet L. Bogue Phillips, Edna was a life-long resident of this community. She graduated from Richmond High School in 1947, earned a bachelor's degree in education from Marion College, and received a master's degree in education from Ball State University. Edna retired from Richmond Community Schools, where she spent her entire teaching career at Vaile Elementary School, including 30 years as a second grade teacher. She was a member of the Richmond Teachers Association and the National Education Association. As an experienced seamstress and crafter, Edna used her skills to produce projects for her students to make in the classroom, as well as creating gifts for her friends and family. She was also able to share her love of cooking, especially baking, with her students, friends, and family. Edna and her husband loved to travel together and were able to visit all 48 continental states during their summers together.

Deeply devoted to her religion, Edna has been a member of Alliance Bible Church for a number of years. She formerly was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, until its disbandment.

Survivors include her niece and assistant, Jane (Ronnie) Young; other nieces and nephews, Darlene (Gary) Hilsenbeck, Barbara Rader, Doris Walker, Vivian (Benny) Leonard, Carol (David) Handley, William (Janice) Roe, and Tim (Nancy) Phillips; several great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews; and many friends, including her Alliance Bible Church family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 23 years, Clarence S. Taylor; sisters, Lilian Roe and Roberta Thomas; brothers, Freddie, Henry, Carl, Frank, and Charles Phillips; and nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the entire staff of Rosebud Village and SouthernCare Hospice for all their help, compassion, and support during Edna's stay with them.

Visitation for Edna Ruth Phillips Taylor will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2019, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2019, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with Pastor Reuben E. Dunckel Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: SouthernCare Hospice, 3415 W. Fox Ridge Lane, Muncie, IN 47304.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Earlham Cemetery

1101 National Road West
Richmond, IN, 47374

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Doan & Mills Funeral Home

790 National Road West, Richmond, IN, US

Comments



“ Mrs. Taylor was my second grade teacher and I have always remembered her and other teachers at Vaile as the best teachers of my life. Thank you to her family for sharing her with the community for so long.

Kendra (Gard) Benner - June 27 at 01:46 PM



“ Mrs Taylor was my teacher at Vaile she sure was a greart teacher I think I'm the only one who had her out of my other 5 siblings she was so nice to me I think when I was in her class I was the teaher pet she all was told my parents I was a good kid well R-I-H Mrs Taylor
One of your students from the 70's
Carol (Griffith)Cook

Carol Griffith - June 27 at 07:10 AM



“ Mrs Taylor was my teacher at Vaile in the late 70's. She definitely was one of my favorites. My condolences to the family.

Jenny Rice - June 26 at 11:22 PM



“ Mrs. Taylor was my second grade teacher in 1973/74. I loved her. She was so kind. She seldom raised her voice. She made learning fun. I remember that we had a field trip to the reservoir where we got to ride on her pontoon boat. For most of us it was the first time we had ever been on a boat. (Sadly, she probably wouldn't be allowed to do that now) Several years ago I saw her out in a restaurant and recognized her. I went over to say hello. When I told her my name she remembered that my hair used to be long and that I loved to read even at that young age. The world needs more teachers like her! Sincerely, Victoria (Vickie) Kidd-Cromis.

Victoria Kidd-Cromis - June 26 at 01:02 PM



“ I taught with Edna formally years at Vaile. As a new teacher then I respected her as a fellow educator and her guidance. I consider her one of my best friends from those days. Prayers to your family.



Susan Busick - June 25 at 08:32 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Whitney Lantz and the Staff of Doan & Mills - June 24 at 01:33 PM