



## Wilma Jo Kile

February 21, 1934 - July 25, 2021

Wilma Jo Kile, 87, a lifelong resident of Rushville, Indiana but most recently of Fishers Indiana, died on July 25, 2021.

She was born in New Salem, IN, on February 21, 1934, to Ebert and Bess (Peabody) Schroeder. She graduated Valedictorian of New Salem High School Class of 1952. She received her BS from Hanover College in 1956, and completed her Masters at Butler University.

She taught school at Richland, Graham, Rushville and Milroy Elementary Schools in Rush County. She went on to be in charge of the Title 1 Program, be a principal of Mays School and finished her career as Assistant Superintendent of Rushville Community School Corporation. She was active in The Rush County Community Foundation, Eastern Star, The Rushville Library Board, The Parks Board, and her beloved Bridge Groups. She was also a proud member of DAR.

Wilma is survived by 2 children, Christie Love (Jay), and Nick Kile (Kim). She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, Brad Love (Liz), Katie Hendrickson (Ross), Patrick Love (Alyson), Emily Kile-Maxwell (Peter), Erik Kile (Anna), Erin Kile (Eric Kelly), and Ethan Kile. She is also survived by 8 great-grandchildren, Eleanor, Annabel, Hadley, Nate, Betsy Jo, Hattie Jo, Charlotte and Julia, two of which carry her name. She is preceded in death by her

parents, and her brother, Richard Schroeder.

The importance of education was a foundation of Wilma's life. Wilma was a true presence in many lives, because she always spoke her mind. She was wise and strong, and very dedicated to doing things the right way and on time. She was born among a generation of women, who did not often have an opportunity for higher education or leadership roles, and she forged ahead always in a position of strength. She was an advocate for and sponsor of women advancing in education, careers and business before we even knew what that was. Everyone has a Wilma Jo story, if you have ever met her. She spoke honestly and firmly, and you either loved it or hated it, but oh so often she spoke the truth. She leaves behind quite a legacy of giving back to the community and much of her strong spirit lives on in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a leader and did much good for the community of Rush County that she served. She was giving of her time and her treasures to many!

Wilma has requested that there be no funeral, so she will be cremated and buried with her parents in the East Hill Shrine Mausoleum. There will be services for immediate family at graveside. A Celebration of life service will be held at a later date and further details can be obtained by calling either 317-696-9153 or 317-488-7178. Tributes are welcome at [mostermortuary.com](http://mostermortuary.com), and in lieu of flowers, gifts should be given to the Ebert H. And Bessie M. Schroeder Fund administered by the Rush County Community Foundation in her memory! This Fund was established by Wilma in 2020. To read more about this Fund and learn how to donate, please see:

<https://rushcountyfoundation.org/donor-spotlight-wilma-jo-kile/>

Services entrusted to Moster Mortuary, Rushville.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Jo Kile*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Patricia Coons lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jo Kile*



**Patricia Coons** - August 07, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *I did not know until now. Loved working with your mom on the school board years ago. Keeping your mom on my mind and smiling...*

**Greg Raike** - August 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *I had Wilma Jo in the 3rd and 4th grade at Richland School. Always admired her love of children and her love of teaching. She will be missed. Sandra Naylor*

**Sandra Naylor** - July 30, 2021 at 02:58 PM

SB

“ *Wilma Jo was a special person in her work in education. I remember her helping me when I first started teaching and through the years of my teaching she would ask how things were going. She always had a smile for me when we would meet. She will be missed.*



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**Sharon Buckley** - July 28, 2021 at 09:04 AM

JB

“ *Condolences to the family! I remember her from the years I was growing up in Rushville and I appreciate all she did for all of us who she worked wtih.*



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**Janet (Safewright) Bolan** - July 27, 2021 at 11:55 PM

GM

“ *I always enjoyed working with Wilma Jo and the good she did for education in Rush County. Great sense of humor and quick wit. She helped many succeed in life. She will be missed.*

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**Gerald W. Mohr** - July 27, 2021 at 10:30 PM

JN

“ *Wilma Jo was a valuable member of the Rushville Public Library Board, and her wisdom and counsel was greatly appreciated.*

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**Julie Newhouse** - July 27, 2021 at 10:09 PM

CB

“ I remember, as a 5th grader, when a beautiful lady came to teach at Richland School. My brother was in her class, I was jealous as he loved her! Little did I know, years later I would be blessed to call her a friend! Wilma Jo impacted so many lives as a Rush County Education icon.

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**Cinda Rice Brown** - July 27, 2021 at 07:45 PM

BW

“ Wilma Jo Kile was a true educator who gave so much of herself to those students with whom she worked. Someone once told me if Mrs. Kile couldn't teach a child to read, it couldn't be done. Fly high, Wilma Jo. Condolences to her family.

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**Barb Wilson** - July 27, 2021 at 06:26 PM

CS

“ Wilma will be missed. Such a beautiful sweet lady! Keeping your family in my prayers!

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**Carla Sharpe** - July 27, 2021 at 06:21 PM

CL

I had Wilma Jo as my supervisor in the Title I program. She was a joy to work with.

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**Carolyn Logsdon** - July 27, 2021 at 09:12 PM