



Lucille Antoinette Christensen

February 4, 1924 - March 27, 2021

Lucille A. Christensen
(nee Forneris)

Lucille A. Christensen 97, of Reddick, IL, passed away on Saturday, March 27th at Riverside Medical Center. She was born in Fairview, IL on February 4, 1924, the daughter of Giovanni (John) and Vittoria Forneris who emigrated from Italy in the early 1900's. She married Joseph T. Christensen on July 25, 1946 at Sacred Heart Church in Campus, IL. Lucille attended a country school near Campus, graduated from Reddick High School and Illinois State University (ISU). In 1945 she began teaching in a country school near Campus with 4 students in grades 1,2,4,and 8, with no electricity or running water. Her Dad taught her to bank the coals of the furnace so it would be warm the next morning. She later taught with the Herscher School District and retired in 1990 from teaching 2nd grade at Bonfield Grade School. She was a volunteer in the Alive program of Kankakee Community College (KCC), Riverside Medical Center and the EARL reading program. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reddick and the Council of Catholic Women (CCW). Surviving are her children Victoria (Gary Gladding) Christensen of Urbana, Jude (Tom Levi) Christensen of Watertown, WI, Regina (Gina) Corban of Morris and Michael Christensen of Reddick. Two beloved grandchildren Joseph and Gianna Corban and many nieces, nephews and their families and cousins in Italy. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe (1995), brother Secondo Forneris, sister, Katie Sarti, nieces and nephews

and friends She loved to travel and made several trips to Italy to visit relatives. In 1937 she traveled with her mother, on the ship Aquitiana to Italy. It was the only time she spent time with her grandparents. She also loved the Chicago White Sox, UI teams and going to grandchildren's activities and games. She embraced and utilized technology on her phone for news and texts. Her advice was "stay active and eat healthy foods." She never stopped teaching us. All memorial services will be private at the present time. A celebration to honor her life will be planned at a future date, and can be found on the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood, IL website, rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com. Please share a memory or story on this website: rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to: Cancer Research, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, your local food bank or a charity of your choice

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a strong woman. May God grant you peace during these difficult times.

♥ The Koppens

shirley koppen - May 08, 2021 at 09:21 AM

AK

“ My deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mom ,Jude, Vicki ,Mike and Gina . I remember all the times I would come to your house after school ,before football games etc ! Her smile did not change ! She looks the same just a little older ! My prayers are with you .

Andria Richie Kiciak

Andria Kiciak - April 18, 2021 at 09:52 PM

BJ

“ Mes. Christensen was my 3rd grade teacher. Thought the family would enjoy. She was a wonderful teacher. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Barb Jensen Jackson.



Barb Jackson - April 15, 2021 at 09:02 PM

GH

“ We were sorry to hear of Lucille's death. She was a favorite teacher of our daughter's at Herscher elementary school and i substituted occasionally in her classroom. We were fortunate to have a nice visit with her in 2017 when we both happened to be touring the Bradley House in Kankakee at the same time. Such a lovely lady!

Our sympathy on your loss, Gloria and Dave Haebich

Gloria Haebich - April 13, 2021 at 10:41 PM

GW

“ So many happy birthdays and special times together. ❤️



Glenda and Wayne - April 06, 2021 at 08:44 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry for your loss Jude and family,
it's so hard to lose a parent.
Your mom has a beautiful smile.

~ Meri



Meri Christensen - April 06, 2021 at 05:55 PM

SD

“ *Mrs. Christensen was my 2nd grade teacher at Bonfield Grade School a LOT of years ago. Wonderful teacher and person.*



Sandy (Emling) Dion - April 05, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Vicki, Judy, Michael, Gina, their families and friends. Bless you all. John & Donna Hakey*

John Hakey - April 05, 2021 at 11:04 AM

TM

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Tom Bruno & Beth Matthias - April 02, 2021 at 07:30 AM

LH

Oh my !!! There is that SMILE ❤️ Lucille was a Lovely Gracious Lady . A patient in our Dental Office. Always an inspiration , always someone I would call BLESSED . Regards to her family. I know she will be missed, Linda

Linda H. - April 08, 2021 at 06:43 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your mom was such a wonderful person. She traveled alot with Kankakee Federal and than when the Bank left me go she traveled with us (Jan & Carl's Tours). I feel like I know you as she always talked about you. Had so much fun with her on trips and she was so excited about the twins and buying them things. The last time I talked to her she said she didn't think she would travel too much now. I couldn't believe she said she was in her 90's. I know you have such good memories as she was such a lovely lady. She will be missed.



Our Sympathy
Jan & Carl Coleman

Jan Coleman - April 01, 2021 at 05:46 PM

MV

“ Gina and kids, we are so very sorry to hear this. What a wonderful lady!

Mike and Laura Vigna - March 31, 2021 at 08:06 PM

NA

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. I remember teaching with Lucille in Bonfield. Such a lovely gracious lady. The family was blessed to have her so long.

Norma Applegate

Norma Applegate - March 31, 2021 at 05:16 PM

SH

Gina so sorry to hear about your Mom her smile always lute up the room! My sympathies to you are your family. Sandy Harris

Sandy Harris - April 01, 2021 at 10:10 PM