



Alice Joy (Berrier) Keller

October 22, 1950 - February 12, 2016

Alice Joy (Berrier) Keller, 65, of Makanda died at 6:00 am Friday, February 12, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born October 22, 1950 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the daughter of Donald and Mary (Gear) Berrier. She married Jerry E. Keller on June 12, 1971.

All her life Alice knew she wanted to be a teacher. From 1972 until her retirement in 2009 Alice taught first grade and remedial reading at Jonesboro Grade School. She touched the hearts and lives of many of the families in the Anna-Jonesboro Community and it was not uncommon for people to come up to her and thank her for being their teacher. She also loved horses, reading, the mysteries of science, animals and, of course, her family. There was no room in her heart for anything but kindness.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Keller of Makanda; daughter, Heidi Keller of Jonesboro; granddaughter, Sally Sims and grandson, Elias Knight, both of Jonesboro; sister, Donna Edwards of Canby, Oregon; many other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, MaryBeth Pearl-Gent.

As per her wishes, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org) 877-435-8650.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro are in charge of arrangements.

To leave online condolences visit www.crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Joy (Berrier) Keller*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I'm very sorry, Jerry, to hear of your wife's passing – a loss that I cannot truly appreciate because my wife Annette is still alive and well. But we lost her mother to pancreatic cancer a few years ago, and also a close friend of 40 years just after Christmas; so I have some feeling for what Alice's illness might have been like. I do hope that you and your family can find some happiness with memories of the good times with her.*

Robin Holcomb

Robin Holcomb - February 16, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ *Jerry We just heard about Alice's passing and want you to know how saddened we are for your loss. We know that she was ill for a while but the loss of a loved one is never easy. We hope that her memories will be of comfort to you. If you ever need anything, please call me. With deepest respect Ed and Cindy Smith*

Ed Smith - February 16, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *Love and prayers to you Uncle Jerry, Heidi, Sally & Elias. Aunt Alice was one reason I wanted to become a teacher. I know she inspired so many young lives. Love, Lara & Trevor, Spencer & Simon*

Lara - February 14, 2016 at 11:01 PM

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“ *Heidi So sorry for your loss. Mike and Karen Richards*

Karen Richards - February 13, 2016 at 02:28 PM