



## Mary Lucille "Mamie" Gamby

December 7, 1931 - March 30, 2018

Mary Lucille "Mamie" Gamby, age 86 of Carbondale, passed away at 3:43 PM, Friday, March 30, 2018 at Manor Court Skilled Nursing Facility in Carbondale.

Lucille was born on December 7, 1931 to Madge Marie (Resh) Sheffer and Archie Ray Sheffer of Zeigler. Lucille was the last survivor of her siblings. She married John Frank Gamby on April 10, 1951. John and Lucille survived their son, Michael Ray Gamby, who was stillborn in 1955. He was always in her heart. John and Lucille lived in many places before returning to Southern Illinois to be near family. Lucille graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education from Southern Illinois University in 1967. Lucille was a lifelong learner who touched the lives of many families during her career as a teacher in Murphysboro. She taught at Caruther's Middle School from 1967 to 1987. Lucille and John travelled extensively in the United States and across the world. She was an avid historian and spent many years working on her family genealogy in the years before the internet. John and Lucille spent many hours visiting places related to the Sheffer and Gamby family histories. She was a member of the University Baptist Church of Carbondale.

Lucille fought a valiant battle with Alzheimer's disease with John at her side. The family would like to thank the caregivers at Manor Court Skilled Nursing facility.

She is survived by her husband, John Gamby of Carbondale; niece, Jill (James) Quisenberry of Urbana; great nephew, Will Quisenberry of Urbana; and many other relatives.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; son, Michael Ray Gamby; siblings, Shirley Rogers, Maxine Dilbeck, Juanita Walker and Don Sheffer.

Graveside services for Lucille Gamby will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at American Legion Cemetery in Dongola with Rev. John Annable officiating. There will be no visitation at the family's request.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

APR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Legion  
Dongola, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lucille "Mamie" Gamby*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My name is Ernie Bryant I am a recipient of the light of love that Mrs. Gamby lite one day on her life's journey. A once in a lifetime educator whose passion inspired countless youths like myself to strive to be that something special that she saw in each and everyone of her students. I had the privilege a few years back to say to her. Thank You for believing in me and she reminded me of my childhood antics of being the class clown and and a few light heart moments. She said of course I remember you Ernie and that I had a good heart then and I must have grown into being a good man. Our conversation cause that little boy from the 6th grade a few tears of admiration. I am a better man today because she challenged me to do and be and I now am what she hoped I would become. As I said to her on our last conversation that I'll cherish for the rest of my life. I love you and Thank you Mrs. Gamby and the light of your love will never go out. And to her family ty for sharing her with so many of us. Everyday I will continue to pay dividends on the investments she made in inspiring me which in turn will keep that love she shared alive and well. <3*

**Ernie Bryant** - April 06, 2018 at 09:31 PM

JG

“ One of the best travels Mark and I had with our Daughter was to Johnny & Lucille's home for weekends. They were so kind and fun. Lucille and I use to stay up very late and just talk. I loved listening to her and her fantastic stories. Our prayers for her and to Johnny during this difficult time.

Joyce Gamby

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Joyce Gamby - April 06, 2018 at 09:07 AM

JE

“ 6th grade, my favorite year in school, because of Mrs. Gamby. I believe she had as much fun teaching as we had learning. She sure could flash a smile and then laugh! Jill, she spoke of you often and with much love. She gave me Anne of Green Gables to read. I think we were of "kindred spirit".

My heartfelt condolences to her family,  
Jeanne Sims Wikete

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Jeanne - April 02, 2018 at 10:07 PM

NB

“ Mrs. Gamby is the reason I wanted to become a teacher. I was able to be an aide in her class my junior year of high school. She encouraged me to be a teacher. I am so glad I was able to share this with many years ago. I hope I have touched my students over the years the way she touched me. Sincere sympathy to her family and friends.

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Nancy Bitner - April 02, 2018 at 08:57 PM

TC

“ Mrs. Gamby was my favorite teacher! She touched many lives. All of the beauty that was her will be missed on this earth. She was simply amazing!! My condolences to her family.

Tricia Reynolds Crain - April 02, 2018 at 08:24 PM

JB

“ I have very fond memories of 6th grade because of Mrs Gamby. She was very caring and full of encouragement to always do your best. She always had a laugh and a smile...she will be missed!

Jane Heins Bauersachs - April 02, 2018 at 07:24 PM

MB

“ Thank you Mrs. Gamby for convincing a young 6th grade boy, that he could be and achieve anything he set his mind to. You were truly one of my greatest encouragers.  
Mike Bost

Mike Bost - April 02, 2018 at 06:15 PM

RA

“ Lucille was a lady with a kind heart and quick wit, who constantly searched to broaden her knowledge. We valued her special friendship. She will be missed by many friends, family, and past students. Our prayers for John during this time.

robert and Barbara Arnold - April 02, 2018 at 10:00 AM

MR

“ Thank you Mrs. Gamby for your love of education. You were one of my favorite teachers and I loved coming to your classes in the 6th grade. Prayers for your family.

Mary Riseling - April 02, 2018 at 09:14 AM

HF

“ Prayers for John and his family during this difficult time.

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**Heidi freeman** - April 01, 2018 at 04:42 PM

JH

“ Condolences to Mrs. Gamby's Family. She was one of the two of my favorite teachers throughout school. I'll never forget her and often thought of her. Once in a while throughout the years I'd see her out at a restaurant. She was a special person and cared for her students deeply. She was definitely loved by them.

*My prayers are with the family.*

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**jeff holloway** - April 01, 2018 at 04:12 PM

MG

“ When we would visit as kids she was always up late looking up information for her class or where their next travel adventure was going to be. Aunt Lucielle, you are missed!

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**Mark Gamby** - April 01, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to you John.

*We shared many days in the Big Room at Jackson County Nursing Home, you and Lucille and me and my mother. Wishing you all the best. Sincerely, Elizabeth Purcell-Debbie Buchman's Friend*

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**Elizabeth Purcell** - April 01, 2018 at 09:17 AM