



## Molly Jo McDaniel

October 12, 1951 - February 9, 2024

Molly Jo McDaniel, age 72, of Pomona, Illinois, passed away Friday, February 9, 2024 at her residence.

She was born October 12, 1951 to Fred Eugene and Gloria Faye (Cochran) McDaniel in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Molly worked as a school teacher for 35 years where she thoroughly enjoyed her work. While working as a teacher, Molly worked to receive her Master's degree from SIUC. Molly made an impact on the lives of many during her time as a teacher. Molly was a coach, mentor, counselor, encourager, and youth leader. She truly touched the hearts of many. Molly inspired several individuals throughout her life and will continue to inspire them. She was truly loved and appreciated by many.

Molly was a very active member of many different organizations. She was a proud member of Abundant Life Fellowship Church, the NRA, the Education Foundation, the Hall of Fame, Murphysboro District 186, and the DAR. She served as a board member for the Murdale Water District. She was an FCA leader and was very passionate about her love for the Lord. It was her mission to save as many hearts as possible.

Molly had multiple hobbies including hunting, fishing, studying her ancestry,

and writing poems.

She is survived by her sisters, Brenda (Tom) McDaniel and Cindy Nehring; nieces and nephews, Jessica (Jeremy) Clipperton, Jordan McDaniel, Joseph McDaniel, Caleb Nehring, and Rachel Nehring; great niece and nephew, Calvin and Liza Clipperton; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Faye; and brother in law, Pastor Chuck Nehring.

Funeral services for Molly Jo McDaniel will be Wednesday, February 14, at 11:00 am in Abundant Life Fellowship in Murphysboro with Pastor Jim Easton officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 13, from 5 pm to 8pm and Wednesday, February 14, from 10 am until the hour of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Abundant Life Fellowship Church or Gideons International and will be accepted at the services.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Christian Church Cemetery

7212 Hickory Ridge Rd.  
Pomona, IL 62975

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Fellowship Church  
12040 Hickory Ridge road  
Murphysboro, IL 62966

## Visitation

FEB **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Abundant Life Fellowship Church  
12040 Hickory Ridge road  
Murphysboro, IL 62966

## Funeral Service

FEB **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Life Fellowship Church  
12040 Hickory Ridge road  
Murphysboro, IL 62966

## Interment

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FEB **14**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Fairview Christian Church Cemetery  
7212 Hickory Ridge Rd.  
Pomona, IL 62975

# Tribute Wall

LR

“ Miss Molly was a force of kindness, compassion, genuine connectivity to her students, etc. Our daughter was fortunate to experience all that Miss Molly offered to her students. She will certainly be missed. In one's lifetime, some of us are given the rare honor of someone like Miss Molly gracing our lives and making us better for it. Our daughter who is 35 years old shed tears when she learned of her passing. As parents, we are eternally grateful to you, Miss Molly, for all that you did for her and us!!! May God bless you and hold you in his arms!

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**Linda Rhodes** - February 16, 2024 at 09:56 AM

GM

“ Molly was one of the best teachers I ever had. I enjoyed seeing her around town and out at Mase's place over the years as well. She was a true woman of God, and will be missed dearly. My heart is with Rachel and the entire family. She will be missed, but I'm happy she's home. God bless.

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**Gary M.** - February 14, 2024 at 11:20 PM

KR

“ Molly was one of the most impactful people I have ever met. I had the honor of teaching with her at the middle school. I marveled at her ability to connect to her students and everyone she ever met. I will feel her loss and am honored to call her my friend. God bless you molly for being you and bringing such joy to all of us. Kay Reeder

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**kay reeder** - February 14, 2024 at 02:29 PM

SL

“ Susan Lassy lit a candle in memory of Molly McDaniel



Susan Mitchell Lassy - February 12, 2024 at 11:02 AM

AF

“ Austin Paul Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Molly Jo McDaniel.



Austin Paul Family - February 12, 2024 at 09:59 AM

AC

“ My sister Stephanie Cochrane and I were so fortunate to visit our cousins Molly, Faye, and Cindy in 2011 on Hickory Ridge (we grew up in Granite City and live in Montana now). Blessings to all! With much love, Alexia Cochrane



Alexia C Cochrane - February 11, 2024 at 03:19 PM

CF

“ 1 file added to the album Molly pictures



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**Celia Forsythe** - February 11, 2024 at 03:14 PM

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“ *Molly Jo McDaniel was a gift to Murphysboro and our school district. She was a wonderful educator with the patience of Job. Her door was always open and she always had time to listen. She influenced so many young minds through teaching, coaching, and friendship. There was never a homework question she couldn't answer or help to solve. Bus rides to and from games were always filled with laughter. She was one of the kindest yet firm people that I have ever known and had the pleasure of being around. Thank you Molly for all that you have done and will continue to do through the incredible influence that you have had on our community and in our school district. My deepest condolences and thanks to her family. She will be missed but always remembered. Staci (Schemonia) Hickam*

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**Staci Hickam** - February 11, 2024 at 12:27 PM

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“ *Most of us are replaceable. Molly was not. My friend and a mentor, who I never considered in terms of age will now grace the halls of Glory while the rest of us are all the poorer.*

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**Brian Easton** - February 10, 2024 at 11:42 PM

KS

“ *Molly Jo was my coach and teacher during junior high, she was a wonderful and truly kind person and an inspiration to everyone. Molly Jo and her family are in my prayers and thoughts. My sincere condolences. Kim Staffey*

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**Kim Staffey** - February 10, 2024 at 10:59 PM

SA

*I taught with Molly my whole career at the middle school. She was the kindest most caring person She was always there for you. She was Gods gift . My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. Especially Brenda*

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**susan aottesen** - February 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM

GT

*Molly was a great teacher and coach. She was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor.*

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**Gary Threw** - February 11, 2024 at 06:17 PM