



Sarah Isabelle Doerr

October 23, 1931 - October 17, 2020

Sarah Isabelle Doerr, 88, of Murphysboro, IL passed away the morning of Saturday, October 17, 2020, in Carbondale, IL. She was born on October 23, 1931, in Vergennes, IL to Robert and Alice (Robinson) Parrish. Sarah was united in marriage to Max Clinard Doerr on August 18, 1951, at the Methodist Church in Vergennes, IL. They were married for 68 years, until his death on October 22, 2019.

Sarah is survived by two sons; Bruce (Kathy) Doerr and Brad (Theresa) Doerr both of Murphysboro; four grandchildren, Brett (Rebecca) Doerr, Melinda (Matthew) Guthman, Brooke (Ryan) Guthman and Justin (Cara) Doerr all of Murphysboro; one foster daughter, Sharon Stallings of Murphysboro, and her three children, the late Wade Griffin, the late Sarah Paige (Griffin) Pierce, and Janie (Pullis) King of Wylie, TX. Sarah leaves behind her eleven great-grandchildren - Ellee and Isabelle Doerr; Avery, Myles, and Kate Guthman; Caroline, Elias, and Liam Guthman; and William Hawthorne, Max, and Elizabeth Doerr all of Murphysboro.

Other survivors include three siblings; two brothers, Wiley Parrish of Murphysboro, Paul Parrish of Florida, and a sister, Sharon (Parrish) Maynor of Elkhart, as well as several brother and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers; Tom Parrish and Ira Parrish; four sisters, Dorothy (Parrish) Davis, Irene (Parrish) Shewmaker, Mary (Parrish) Ferguson and Lulabelle (Parrish) Boulden.

While beginning her family she was employed at Beckman Implement Company in Murphysboro. It wasn't until her father's funeral in 1962 from a family friend, that she learned just how proud her dad had been that she was the first in her family to pursue a college education, years prior. With two little boys at home, she immediately returned to Southern Illinois University Carbondale to honor her father and complete her Bachelor of Science in Education. In 1964, she graduated and became a junior high math and social studies teacher for the Murphysboro Community Unit School District #186 until her retirement in 1986. She also filed taxes independently and worked for H&R Block for many years, where she would use her earnings for once-in-a-lifetime family vacations. In retirement, Max and Sarah enjoyed traveling the world and especially loved touring America with their Airstream Club. She and Max were avid Southern Illinois University

Saluki Basketball fans and supporters of SIU athletics. She was exceptionally sentimental, valued traditions, and loved to spend time with her family, church, and life-long friends, never to miss an important event. Sarah spent her time sewing, canning, cooking, making dollhouses, solving puzzles or anything that would spark creativity with her hands, and keep her mind sharp. She was uniquely talented and could make or do just about anything she set her mind to. Sarah was generous with her talents and gifts; from making Apple Festival pageant jewelry bags, scrapbooking for the SIU basketball teams, or sharing her makings and heirlooms with her grand and great-grandchildren. She was a fiercely loyal, loving, and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother that will be greatly missed.

A private graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at the Parrish Cemetery near Vergennes, IL with Pastor Angela Kaye Ransom officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sarah Doerr Scholarship Fund or the Wesley United Methodist Church. Memorials can be mailed to Murphysboro High School, 50 Blackwood Drive, Murphysboro, IL 62966 or Wesley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 115, Vergennes, IL 62994 in her honor.

Her family would like to extend their immense gratitude to the Hospice of Southern Illinois and the Landings of Reed Station Crossing in Carbondale for their extraordinary care.

Cemetery

Parrish Cemetery

4868 Elkhville Rd
Vergennes, IL, 62994

Events

OCT 22 **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ What a blessing to have Sarah and Max in our lives. When the SIU arena was renovated, our seats were next to theirs. It wasn't long before we were spending time with them outside of basketball games. We will treasure the memories we had with them and the handmade items that Sarah had given us. She was a wonderful lady, Max was a wonderful man and together they were a wonderful couple! Bradford and Donnella Swink

Bradford and Donnella Swink - October 27, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ My mother, Freda Maxedon, loved Sarah and Max. They were good friends to have.

Joyce Maxedon McWhorter - October 23, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ I just realized that this was the Ms. Doerr from my 7th grade Math class. Ms. Doerr was very disciplined, but caring. She ingrained in me a love for math and gave me a strong foundation that served me well throughout my educational experience.
RIP Ms. Doerr.

Karen Jurich - October 23, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Sarah was a talented lady and teaching was in her nature. She and Max were a special couple in our church family and good friends and cousins to Max. She will definarely be missed by all who knew and loved her. Donna Whitaker-Mitchell and family.

Donna Whitaker-Mitchell - October 21, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ What can you say about my Aunt Sarah Doerr. She was an exceptional woman with many talents. I have many fond memories of fun and family at her home. I remember the Christmas home tours and how beautifully decorated each room was. I also had the gift to watch her in action teaching and loving on her 7th grade math students. You see I did my student teaching under her. She put her all into those classes and it showed in her students and in the staff she worked with. I learned a lot. I was blessed. I can still hear the sound of her voice. She loved and was loved. A woman after God's own heart. There is a party going on in heaven!! God bless her family. May the precious memories bring you comfort and May the Lord give you his peace. Love to all!!

Leola Bonham - October 21, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ I went to highschool with both Max & Sarah & to church. I sure enjoyed the ice cream they brought to church. they were good friends. ray lichliter



Ray Lichliter - October 21, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ My fond memories go back to when I was very little. Family dinners at Grandma Parrish's house, Parrish reunions, family holidays together. Our Parrish family was very much into being together. Having a large family and many cousins was special to me. As the years go by and family passes away these memories will always bring me comfort. Uncle Max and Aunt Sarah were pillars in our family. Their Love and kindness were steadfast and will be missed. I am happy in knowing they are now together again and will be with their heavenly family. Please tell them All I said Hey !

Troy Parrish Maynor - October 21, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Mrs. Doerr was my 3rd grade teacher many moons ago. She was a tough teacher but a good one! She had a kind, gentle touch but then could also be very firm when needed. My sympathies to the family for this loss of your precious mother/grandmother.

Jane Williams - October 21, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Bruce and Kathy, Brad and Theresa, and families. My deepest sympathy for the loss of the matriarch of your family.

Suzie Naegele - October 21, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ Sarah and Max were good friends of my parents. I thought a lot of them, always so friendly and happy to see you. My husband and I used to see them at BJ's restaurant in Du Quoin. We also bought a lot of sweet corn from Max, picked just a little while before we picked it up, couldn't be fresher! They were nice people, glad to have known them.

Cathy Hines-Boulton - October 20, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ I remember her well, teaching me math in 7th grade. I pray for her family during this difficult time.

Forrest Boston - October 20, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Bruce, Kathy, Brad and Theresa: Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Deb Hudson - October 20, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ Ceil and I will always be thankful for the R.V. Trip we took with Max and Sarah, Jim and Laura, J.J and Maxine out West. Yes we had Max's Homemade Ice Cream a lot. May God receive you in his loving Arms. Bill and Ceil.

Bill Crawshaw - October 21, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ I knew Sarah for many years and taught with her at Carruthers Junior High for some time. She was a very talented good and well respected teacher for whom I had great respect, and I am blessed to have had her as a friend over these many years. My condolences to her entire family!

Ron Burdick - October 21, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ I had Mrs. Doerr for 7th grade math. She was a tough teacher, but I probably learned much of my mathematics foundation from her. RIP.

Cindy Norris - October 21, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ It was an honor to have known Max & Sarah through the Parkinson Support Group. They were regular attendees and always had important input that was appreciated by all of us. I can only hope that they will again be able to help each other now that they are in God's hands. Rest in peace. Dr. Hamilton

Dr. Wm. Hamilton - October 23, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ Bruce, Brad & families - deepest condolences on the loss of your mother. I loved having her for a math teacher in junior high. And I remember Mom & Dad talking about Sarah & Max a lot over the years & considered them very good friends. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.

Becky (Bost) Diamant

Becky Diamant - October 23, 2020 at 09:39 PM