



Velma Kreuder

March 19, 1931 - January 16, 2018

Velma Kreuder, age 86, of Savanna, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Society, Mt. Carroll, Illinois. A visitation will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 20, 2018 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Savanna. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the church, followed by a luncheon. A burial of ashes will take place at a later date in Savanna Township Cemetery. Memorials may be given in Velma's memory to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or the Savanna Fire Department.

Velma was born March 19, 1931, in Savanna, Illinois, the daughter of Carl and Lilly (Krippendorf) Haring. She graduated from Savanna High School in 1949. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Western Illinois University in 1953. In 1955 Velma married Ben Mills. She later married Max Kreuder on October 7, 1972. They celebrated 19 years of marriage until Max's death in 1992.

Velma taught for two years in Libertyville, Illinois. She later taught for 32 years in the Savanna School District before retiring. Velma was active in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Savanna and in many community organizations. She earned several community awards from the Savanna Rotary Club and the Savanna Chamber of Commerce. She was chairman of many town festivals and parades for several years. She was a founder of Savanna Service Club, a member of the Junior Women's Club, PEO International, and the Retired Teachers Association. Even in retirement, Velma opened her heart to others by volunteering her time to tutor students at Point Isabel School District, while on vacation at South Padre Island, Texas.

Velma will be dearly missed by her two sons, Gerald (Linda) Kreuder of Hampton, Illinois and Rex (Kathy) Kreuder of Savanna, Illinois; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois (Ken) Smith of Thomson, Illinois; one sister-in-law, Marian Haring of Savanna, Illinois, and many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Velma is preceded in death by her husbands, parents, and brother Charles.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church
130 3rd Street, Savanna, IL, US, 61074

JAN **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Laurel Grummitt lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Laurel Grummitt - January 25, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family. Velma was a good friend and we shared so many great memories teaching together, being in organizations, planning celebrations! She always found it exciting to try new things. I am so sorry I cannot be present at the services as I am in VA recuperating. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Jean

jean Ferris - January 22, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Dan & Kim Bennett lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Dan & Kim Bennett - January 21, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ We will miss Velma. She was an awesome teacher. Any children that came out of her class had the most beautiful handwriting. She was a very caring person. Our prayers are with the family.

Letha & Tom Robbe - January 20, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ After my sweet Aunt Miriam passed Uncle Max married Velma, when I would go home to Savanna to visit she was always very kind to me and would make me feel welcomed, that always made me very comfortable when I would go visit them! So sad for her passing, may she RIP!!! Velma, Please tell my Uncle Max and Aunt Miriam hello and I Love Them! Thank you for your kindness to me! Love Sandy



Sandra Palomares - January 19, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Velma passing, she was such a sweet lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Bob & Sandy Froehlich

Sandy Porter-Froehlich - January 19, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ My Heart goes out to each a everyone of Velma's family! Always enjoyed my times with Velma thru the years! May she rest in peace and fly with the Angels

Wendy Hart Klein - January 19, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ Velma kept the class of 19489 together for a long time, keeping in touch with classmates far and near. She was a great classmate and friend and will be missed.

Ruth French - January 19, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ She was one of my favorite teachers. I was in her class when my youngest brother was born. She was so kind and made such a big deal out of it I wasn't even worried while my mom was at the hospital having him. I can still sing the dinosaur songs we learned in her class. I have the sense she was always mildly amused by life. I try to find the funny in each day because of her. Live and prayers to all of her family. She will be missed.

Brenda Ranchino - January 19, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Velma and I served on a scholarship committee together. Her love of life was contagious as we shared stories of our travels. Dedicated to education, Velma was a great asset to the committee. Sending prayers to her family.

Mary Ann Hutchison - January 20, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ To The Family of Velma Kreuder: Such a wonderful person and an icon in the teaching community. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. She will be missed and remembered by so many of her former students.

Lori Ferris - January 19, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ Daniel And Susan Sikkema lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Daniel and Susan Sikkema - January 18, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ Roxanne Holcomb purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Velma Kreuder.



Roxanne Holcomb - January 18, 2018 at 07:25 PM



“ so sorry for your lost we knew Velma from wards resort in Balsam Lake WI. She was a great lady. She will be missed. Dick and Sandy Niday

Dick Niday - January 18, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ Mike & Bud Poel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Velma Kreuder.



Mike & Bud Poel - January 18, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ Dear Rex & Gerry & Family, Your mom was one of the most caring people I ever knew. She always found the positive and had the most warm smile, if you didn't feel good about something a smile from her could light up your day! She was a gem for our community, whether it was as a teacher in school, or a life teacher and volunteer. Thanks for always sharing her with all of us. I hope the memories of her help with her loss. Freddie

Freddie Preston - January 18, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ Velma was loved as a teacher by students and parents alike. As a parent, you knew that she really did care about your student and was always there to answer any concerns that may have come along. Velma taught 2nd graders and as each one of her students graduated high school, she presented them with memorabilia from their years in school. How many teachers would do this for not one but many or maybe all of her 2nd graders. What a fantastic gift she gave to those students. She will never be forgotten by so many of her students or their parents. You really did make a difference in their lives. Rest in peace Mrs. Kreuder...



Jan and Marty Altensey - January 18, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ I was saddened to read of her passing. She was one of my favorite teachers. I had her at Chestnut Park in her classroom overlooking the plum river. She gave us great inspiration at a very young age. She used to let me bring records to school and play them furthering my lifelong love of music. I have lots of photos of that year and each a fond memory. The world has one less amazing smile. God bless all the family and perhaps they will all spread that infectious smile.

Todd Fosdick - January 18, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ RIP Mrs. Mills Kreuder. 2nd grade at Avenue School with you as my teacher will forever be a fond memory of you

Pete Greisen - January 18, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ We were very sorry to hear of Velma's passing but know she is at peace. I have great memories of Velma from teaching and living in Savanna. She was a fine lady. Prayers to her family.



Sandy and Bernie Gabriel - January 18, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ So sorry for the family! She was a great lady!

Roberta Randall - January 18, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ Velma was such a sweet lady and great neighbor. I mowed her lawn for several years as a teenager. We always visited after I finished mowing the lawn. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mike Shore - January 18, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ Chuck And Erin (Murphy) Wiebenga lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Chuck and Erin (Murphy) Wiebenga - January 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ Rex and Lois So sorry to hear of Velma's passing. Loved talking with her @ Good Sam.
She can be at peace now and continue to charm the angels with her smile. Art & Ann Crouse

Ann Crouse - January 18, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with Velma's family at this time.
God Bless. Dick Nalleyt

Richard Nalley - January 18, 2018 at 07:23 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Kreuders passing. She was an awesome caring and loving person. Yo have my sincere condolences.

Sherry Thulen Hood

Sherry Hood - January 18, 2018 at 05:15 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma Kreuder.



January 17, 2018 at 10:43 PM



“ Terri R Doran lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Terri R Doran - January 17, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ I have 52 years of great memories with my Aunt Velma. She was always there for my whole Family. The Charles Haring Crew will miss her greatly. We have lots of family photos to now cherish! We all know she was camera happy! She lived her life to the fullest and now she can rest with Uncle Max and Charles. I loved her so much and will greatly miss her.
We love y'all and sorry that we are not able to there to celebrate Aunt Velma's life.
From Cheryl, David, Ryan, Alisa and Michael Bolson

Cheryl (Haring) Bolson - January 17, 2018 at 10:36 PM



“ Mrs. Kreuder was my 2nd grade teacher. I remember when we were learning cursive, she taped my paper in the upper right corner of my desk (I'm left-handed) so I had to REACH to be able to write on it. She is the reason I don't have a "hook" when I write, and over the years I have lost count the number of times people have complimented both my handwriting and the fact that I don't have that hook. Thank you Mrs. Kreuder, you deserve a peanut!

Tracy Holloway - January 17, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ Bob And Nancy Countryman lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Bob and Nancy Countryman - January 17, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ Debbie ,Hatfield-Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Debbie ,Hatfield-Gilmore - January 17, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ Sorry to read about your mother’s passing.She was a a busy lady ,yet raised two fine sons RIP! Velma. Carolyn and Bob Ziegler

Carolyn Ziegler - January 17, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ The little while I knew Velma I will cherish. Do some red hat things, visits with her at Balsam Lake and looking at pictures with her and Mush.



Carol McCann Kojima - January 17, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ Mark & Sandy Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Velma Kreuder



Mark & Sandy Hamilton - January 17, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Family Photos



Law-Jones Funeral Home - January 17, 2018 at 04:03 PM