



## Anne Monica Ray

February 17, 1926 - March 29, 2017

Anne Monica Ray, 91, of East Peoria, IL died at 8:15 pm Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born Anna Monika Trentman on February 17, 1926 in Artern, Germany, a little city just outside of Berlin, to Johanes Henry and Grete Paula Krebs Trentman. She married Everett A. Ray Jr. on July 24, 1948 in Peoria, IL.

Surviving are her son, Thomas E. Ray, daughter-in-law, Wendy D. Ray, and one granddaughter, Monica Elaine Ray, all of East Peoria, two grandsons, Matthew Blake Franklin of Marshal, MO and Tyson Cole Franklin of Columbia, MO.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah Anne Ray Franklin on June 4, 1991.

Anne was a first and second grade teacher for 35 years at Bolin School in District #86 in East Peoria. She touched hundreds of young minds and was nominated for Teacher of the Year in the State of Illinois in 1991. Anne was also chosen as an Art Consultant, one of two people, to represent the State of Illinois in Washington, D.C. After her retirement, she continued teaching her passion as an art instructor for the Tremont School District and was also a long time member of the Illinois Education Association.

A memorial service for Anne will be at 3 pm on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington. Rev. Jim Gorby will officiate. Visitation will be from 1-3 pm Sunday at the funeral home. Private

inurnment will be at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.

Because of Anne's love of animals, memorials may be made to TAPS.

# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - Washington  
2075 Washington Road  
Washington, IL 61571  
(309) 745-5999

## Memorial Service

APR 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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2075 Washington Road  
Washington, IL 61571  
(309) 745-5999

# Tribute Wall



“ Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Anne Monica Ray



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**Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 07, 2017 at 10:54 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Ray and witnessing her teaching skills while serving as a substitute teacher at the Tremont Grade School. Our principal blessed our students so very, very much by securing Anne as an art teacher. Even those students who did not feel gifted in art would produce their very own "masterpiece" under her loving instruction. She was always very kind and patient with her students, and I learned right along with them! She was certainly a treasure, and my prayers are with the family.

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**Julie Largent** - April 01, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - March 31, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anne Monica Ray.



March 31, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ I had Mrs. Ray as a second grade teacher in the 80's and after all my schooling she remains my favorite teacher. She was kind, patient, and obviously loved her job and her school kids. My thoughts are with her family during this tough time.

Jackie Hultquist - March 31, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ It is common knowledge within my family that Mrs. Ray was my favorite teacher - by far. As my second grade teacher, she had an incredible impact on the way I see the world in her kindness. She flamed my interest in art, which has become a lifetime passion that gives me constant joy both in practice and appreciation. I vividly recall being asked to bring in a favorite book for show and tell. I was so proud to share my book - *The Life and Work of Matisse*. Mrs. Ray was delighted at this, and encouraged the children in my class to look at each painting in the book, talking about the color and expression. The class went from the initial giggles (as it was not the traditional pick from a second grader) to wonderment in a matter of moments. She had such an incredible way of reaching and inspiring each student.

*Mrs. Ray was a real treasure to the world, and to me. I am very saddened to see that she has passed, but I have no doubt a place of love and beauty awaits her. I absolutely loved her and am sending my care and thoughts to the family.*

*Thank you Mrs. Ray, for having such an amazing influence on my life, for your kindness, for sharing your warm and loving heart, for sharing your knowledge of art and for being the teacher whose lessons have stayed with me and will continue to throughout my life.*

*With Love, Care and Sympathy - Emily T. Lane, Second Grade Class of 1984*

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**Emily Lane** - March 31, 2017 at 12:56 PM

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“ In honor of a woman who loved her family deeply. My sorrow for your loss, You are now the foundation for your family and you will do it with all the grace of those before you. Cindy Schwab

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**Cindy Schwab** - March 31, 2017 at 09:44 AM