



## Martha J. Moran

April 23, 1924 - April 4, 2017

Martha J. Moran passed away in her own home in Manteno on April 4, 2017 after an extended illness.

Martha was born in 1924 in Herrin Illinois to J Bert and Hazel Manker. She attended the University of Illinois and was a graduate of Olivet.

She married her loving husband "Jack" in 1943 and they lived in Manteno where their daughter, Mary, was born and raised.

Mrs. Moran taught first grade for decades in Kankakee District 111. She also taught in Germany and was a volunteer tutor after retirement. Mrs. Moran was the author of two children's books: "Sugar and Mr. Duck" and "Sugar Gets the Skunk".

She enjoyed traveling extensively. She is affectionately remembered as "Aunt Martha" by her 8 nieces and nephews, their children and children's children.

Martha is survived by her daughter, Mary (Patrick) King, foster son William (the late Maxine) Martin, granddaughter Meggan (Rory) Dempsey, great granddaughters, Ciara and Maeve Dempsey and her brother, Clarence "Sonny" (Phyllis) Manker.

She is predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Jack Moran, her brother Warren (Patricia) and nephew, David Manker.

A celebration of life, officiated by Pastor Chrystal Abbott, will be held on April 29, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church, 64 S. Walnut in Manteno. Visitation at 10:30 AM and Service at 12:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Presbyterian Church in Manteno or the Salvation Army would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation rites will be accorded**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR **29**. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
Manteno, IL

### Service

APR **29**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Moran was my first grade teacher in Frankfurt, Germany. My mom brought the book about Sugar and the skunk. I remember her as a firm but wonderful teacher that warned us of the dangers of eating too much candy and my favorite story of Sugar and Mr. Duck having problems on Farmer Jack’s farm.

Debby Lee - December 17, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ Martha J. Moran

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Mary and family you are a part of my childhood memories on the farm in Manteno when I visited my Aunt and Uncle next door to you. Your mom was always a dear and smiling person to visit as well as your father. She fulfilled a meaningful life giving education and joy to many. Thanks for the memories. Jean Keigher

Jean Keigher - May 19, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Martha J. Moran.



April 26, 2017 at 12:08 PM

EW

“ Dear Mary, Sonny and extended family,

*Martha used her considerable talents over a long life lived with enthusiasm. Countless children were fortunate to have her as a teacher dedicated to expanding their early experience beyond the academic norm.*

*Happy the hereafter old friend.  
Elmira*

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**Elmira Wilkey** - April 24, 2017 at 03:20 PM

KW

“ Many many years ago i was looking for a good loving home for my Sugar, a sweet German Shepherd. i had a new baby on the way and a husband who wanted to move to Chicago. It broke my heart but then i met Mrs. Moran. i knew my little girl would be well cared for, loved and happy on her farm. i never dreamed she would be the star of her own book thanks to Martha. A loving woman who gave so much to her students and has a special place in Heaven. Take care of Sugar up there.

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**Kaye Wallace** - April 22, 2017 at 07:31 PM

KW

“ Kaye Wallace lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Moran



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**Kaye Wallace** - April 22, 2017 at 07:26 PM

JE

“ *Julie Enright lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Moran*



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**Julie Enright** - April 20, 2017 at 05:27 AM

KS

“ *Kathie Suiter lit a candle in memory of Martha J. Moran*



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**Kathie Suiter** - April 19, 2017 at 03:33 PM

DF

*Sending condolences to Mary and family.*

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**Don Freigo** - April 25, 2017 at 11:05 AM

DF

*Comfort in the time of sorrow*

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**Don Freigo** - April 25, 2017 at 11:06 AM

JM

*Mary, I just learned about your mother. What a wonderful woman she was -- and how much she contributed to our hometown, Manteno. I want to send you my deepest sympathies -- and also some great memories of a great lady !*

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**John Malott** - June 21, 2017 at 05:29 PM