



Diane Mae Ebken

January 16, 1942 - March 14, 2025

Diane Mae Ebken, 83, of Kilbourne, passed away at her home at 8:46 a.m., on Friday, March 14, 2025. She was born January 16, 1942, in Canton, Illinois, to Ralph and Marie (Blakely) Gregory. She married Ronald L. Ebken, at St. John's Lutheran Church, on August 18 1963. He preceded her in death on January 16, 2018.

Mrs. Ebken is survived by two children: Ronda (Tim) Gray, of Greenwood, Indiana, and Greg (Jackie) Ebken, of Easton, Illinois; four grandchildren: Joshua Lee (Kristen) Gray, Brittany Jo (Corbin) Cardneas, Emily Katherine (John Doggett) Ebken, and Brinna Diane (Jon Eigenbrod) Ebken; three great-grandchildren: Jackson Lee Gray, Rhett Gregory Eigenbrod, Joseph Alexander Doggett, and step-great granddaughter Hailey Bolden. Also surviving is one sister, Darlene Urish, of Easton. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Ralph Gregory, and sister Deloris Pourchot.

Mrs. Ebken was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she was very active in the St. John's Quilting Group. She enjoyed music and polka dancing with her husband. She also enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, and watching tractor pulling contests. She was a 1st grade teacher for many years, teaching children at Balyki and later in the Havana school district.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, on Monday, March

17, 2025, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery, in Havana. Rev. Brian Lesemann will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
10844 N Co Rd 1400E
Bath, IL 62617

Tribute Wall

RG

“ So sorry for your loss.



Robert Griffin - April 10, 2025 at 06:22 PM

JP

“ Janice Potter lit a candle in memory of Diane Ebken



Janice Potter - March 17, 2025 at 12:45 PM

JO

My 2nd grade teacher in Bath I loved her....

Josh - March 31, 2025 at 08:39 AM

DK

“ Miss Diane was my first grade teacher and was my absolute favorite! My mother, Mary Ellen Smith, begged Diane to come back to teach at Balyki after taking time off to have her two children, Rhonda and Greg. Diane decided to give it a try and Rhonda and Greg became part of the Smith family. After that, My brother Doug had the opportunity to be taught by Miss Diane. I kept in touch with Diane over the years and will be forever grateful for her gift of teaching and a beautiful person inside and out. You will be missed.

*My sincere condolences to Rhonda and Greg.
Debbie (Smith) Kitchen*

Debbie Kitchen - March 17, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JS

“ *Jon and Susan Lacey*



Jon and Susan - March 17, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Mae Ebken.*



March 17, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Mae Ebken.

March 17, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ I was so sad to hear about Diane's passing. I loved visiting with her when we both taught at New Central in Havana. She was always friendly and always smiling. The beautiful picture posted here is exactly how she always looked at school.

Rita Badger - March 17, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Tim and Sandy Daniel lit a candle in memory of Diane Ebken



Tim and Sandy Daniel - March 17, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diane Mae Ebken.



March 17, 2025 at 05:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Mae Ebken.

March 17, 2025 at 05:59 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Mae Ebken.*



March 16, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Mae Ebken.

March 16, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ So sorry



Gina Watkins - March 16, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ *Miss Diane was my first grade teacher and she also watched me when my mom worked during tax season. I remember going to her house and playing until my mom would come get me. She was a very loving teacher and friend. She will be missed by many. Sorry for the families loss.*
Melissa Thompson

Melissa Thompson - March 16, 2025 at 11:41 AM

MH

“ *Michael E Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Diane Ebken*



Michael E Hudgins - March 16, 2025 at 11:07 AM

MC

“ *Miss Diane was my first grade teacher, we were her first class, when we graduated from high school she came and gave each one of us a card. About 1 or 2 years ago when I was back I went out to her house and had lunch with her and had a nice long visit, she truly was a special lady. And I think she was all 5 of my nephews first grade teacher.*

My condolences Rhonda and Greg.

Mitch Conway

Mitchell Conway - March 16, 2025 at 07:40 AM

CK

“ *So many memories with Diane at quilting. Going on trips to Mississippi . She will be missed. Prayers to her family.*

Carol Fisk Kolves - March 16, 2025 at 12:48 AM

CS

“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Diane Mae Ebken*



Craig Schaeffer - March 15, 2025 at 10:46 PM

JF

“ Diane was wonderful to take care of. Was always helping me to all different fun cake to make. She liked to watch the older movies we just enjoyed being together
I will always remember that time an Diane always had a smile on her face An we both were from Easton. Good memories. She will be missed .

Jeannie Fawcett - March 15, 2025 at 10:44 PM

LH

“ Lisa Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Diane Mae Ebken



Lisa Hudgins - March 15, 2025 at 10:41 PM

BM

“ Bob And Lynne McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Diane Mae Ebken



Bob and Lynne McDaniel - March 15, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JF

“ John Gregory and Cyndi & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diane Mae Ebken.



John Gregory and Cyndi & Family - March 15, 2025 at 07:34 PM

JF

“ John Gregory and Cyndi & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Mae Ebken.

John Gregory and Cyndi & Family - March 15, 2025 at 07:34 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family



Dan and Chris Wilson - March 15, 2025 at 05:57 PM

NE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Diane's family. She was a wonderful lady



Nancy Elliott - March 15, 2025 at 05:17 PM

GW

“ So sorry



Gina Watkins - March 15, 2025 at 04:57 PM

LT

“ *Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Diane Mae Ebken*



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - March 15, 2025 at 04:00 PM

MH

“ *Mary Herring lit a candle in memory of Diane Mae Ebken*



Mary Herring - March 15, 2025 at 03:51 PM