



Florence Emma Kendall Peery

September 5, 1928 - February 14, 2020

Florence Emma Kendall Peery, 91, of Thorntown, passed away on Friday, February 14, 2020, at her home in Syracuse, Indiana. She was born September 5, 1928, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the daughter of the late Dwight B. and Zora Smith Kendall.

She graduated from Thorntown High School in 1946 and Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, in 1950. On September 12, 1948, she was married Lawrence Herschel Peery, son of Herschel C. Peery and Winifred Schenck Peery, at Sugar Plain Friends Meeting (Quaker) in Thorntown. He preceded her in death in 1974 in Wilmington, Ohio. To this union was born, Lynn Peery Mills (Stephen T. Mills), Camby, Indiana, Alan Kendall Peery (Nina Kistler Peery), Syracuse, Indiana, Robin Peery Haag (the late David P. Haag), Syracuse, Indiana, and Vivian Peery Hurst (Paris J. Hurst), Xenia, Ohio.

Florence Emma taught elementary school in both Martinsville, Ohio and Thorntown, Indiana. In addition to teaching, she directed camps for elementary school-aged children at Quaker Haven Camp in Syracuse. After she retired from teaching, Florence Emma was involved with a Quaker school in Belize, spending a few months at a time there assessing community needs and teaching students.

Florence Emma is survived by her four children and their spouses, eight

grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and her brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Judy Darnell Kendall of Richmond, Indiana.

Burial of Ashes will take place at Sugar Plain Cemetery in Thorntown, Indiana. Memorial Services will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Sugar Plain Friends Church in Thorntown, Indiana. Visitation is planned from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the church.

Myers and Hunt Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with her care.

Memorials may be directed to any of the following: The Caring Center, 1230 Ransdell Court, Lebanon, IN 46052; the Sugar Creek Art Center, 127 South Pearl Street, Thorntown, IN 46071; Friends United Meeting for the Friends School in Belize, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374; or Right Sharing of World Resources, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374.

Cemetery Details

Sugar Plain Cemetery

State Road 47
Thorntown, IN 46071

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Sugar Plain Friends Church
State Road 47
Thorntown, IN

Service

FEB 22. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florence Emma Kendall Peery*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *We saw Florence Emma and the Peery family all the time when visiting relatives in Thorntown as kids in Indiana and then after we moved to Alabama. Also saw her at Earlham events since she was in Dad's class of '50. Lynn was at ESR when I was at Earlham and I visited the Peery's in Ohio the week after the horrible tornado hit Xenia. Alan and I nearly drowned on a rain swollen creek canoeing and Florence Emma made sure I had dry clothes and a meal before heading back to EC. She was a very kind lady and will be sorely missed.*

Curt Williams

Curt Williams - February 23, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Sharon lit a candle in memory of Florence Emma Kendall Peery*



Sharon - February 21, 2020 at 12:19 AM



“ *I will miss her I have known her as long as I can remember. Sorry for your lost, my she RIP. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Joyce Merrill

Joyce Merrill - February 20, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence Emma Kendall Peery.



February 20, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Florence Emma had known me since I was a child and lived up the road from her in-laws. Every time I saw her at a conference she remember things that had happened when I was 4 or 5 years old. She was a delightful Quaker lady and will be sorely missed

Mary Alice McCracken - February 19, 2020 at 03:26 PM



Florence Emma has been a mentor and friend to me for many years. I will miss her greatly!

Dinah Geiger - February 20, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ I loved the weeks spent at the farm in Thorntown. Florence Emma was a solid, kindly, strong, though tiny, form. She was busy always, doing the work of the world, but took time to make sure I felt at home with adventures we could only have there. Thanks to this family for sharing your folks and your home with me. Love to you.

patrice stephenson - February 19, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence Emma Kendall Peery.*



February 19, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *What a remarkable woman! As with our mother, she was left a young widow who kept a family together and continued to make important contributions to home, church, and society. An enduring memory will always be of her joining us on our work trip to Palestine in 1979. So grateful to have known her and to continue to be influenced by the life she lived.*
- Max & Jane Carter

Max L. Carter - February 19, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ *She will be greatly missed. Her love and compassion for others and for our Lord and savior was what I will remember about her. Also how fast she could move around the kitchen. She was so loved by so many! Praying for all of you!*💕

margo breining - February 19, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ *It was always a treat when Mrs. Perry came to substitute at Thorntown. She was such a sweet lady- I know the many students that she interacted with over the years will be sad to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers to the family of this wonderful woman!*

Casey Trojnar - February 17, 2020 at 08:30 PM

CF

“ CEMTI Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Florence Emma Kendall Peery.



CEMTI Family - February 17, 2020 at 11:06 AM

SH

“ Florence was such a champion for kids! I remember one student that had many problems and Florence found a level of understanding that no one else could with that child. Friendly, firm and fair and fully engaged with the best interest of each and every child! I was truly blessed to teach along side of her. She was always very supportive! She will definitely be missed by all in her community. Prayers sent to all of the family. May it give you comfort to know how many lives she touched in such a positive way!

Sharon Hollingsworth - February 16, 2020 at 05:01 PM

JJ

“ I was honored to teach with Florence Emma for many years at Thorntown Elementary School. She was a dedicated teacher and loved her students. She cared about her community and church and made that an important part of her life. We need MORE Florence Emma's in our world today! Jane Johnson

Jane Johnson - February 16, 2020 at 03:28 PM

 Natalie
Hines

“ *Many times over the course of going to school to be a teacher and attending professional development sessions, I've been asked to think about the most influential teacher I have had and WHY this person made such an impact. My answer was, and still is, always the same. Mrs. Peery.*

Mrs. Peery created a warm and accepting classroom community, sparked curiosity in her students, and fostered an environment where everyone could learn. I have so many wonderful memories from my sixth grade year in her classroom. The 180 days I spent with her made a long lasting impact that affected not only my choice of career, but also HOW I teach in my classroom.

I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to know Mrs. Peery and learn not only how to be an awesome teacher, but also how to be an amazing human. The world has lost a beautiful soul, but her influence lives on in an all of her sixth graders and all of the other lucky people who had a privilege of knowing her.

Natalie Hines - February 16, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JW

“ *Florence will be greatly missed at the Boone County Extension Homemakers events, always a supporter of the women in Boone county. Judi Wilson*

Judi Wilson - February 15, 2020 at 10:12 PM

BM

Mrs Peery was my 6th grade home room teacher. I am 50 now. I'll never forget her.. so sorry for the family and community's loss rest in peace Mrs. Peery.

Beth (Rhinehart) McClintock - February 16, 2020 at 01:11 PM

SC

Mrs. Peery was my third & fourth grade teacher in Martinsville. She was the best teacher I ever had, and I still bring up her teaching methods 45 years later. We learned how to make homemade bread & butter in class. When we studied Mexico, the entire room was decorated in Mexican style; we made piñatas and tortillas. When we studied Japan, we drank green tea from cut off & cleaned little milk cartons, and she had her Japanese exchange student come to class to talk to us. Then there was the time she took us all to her home in Wilmington, to bake our pottery pieces in her kiln. Mrs. Peery was truly a kind & generous lady and will never be forgotten by those whose lives she touched.

Shelly (Schneider) Cox - April 28, 2020 at 10:20 AM