



## Diana Lynn Bundy

May 11, 1949 - June 29, 2021

### DIANA LYNN BUNDY

Diana Bundy, 72, of Grandview, MO passed away on Tuesday, June 29, 2021. She was born on May 11, 1949 in Alton, IL to Robert and Elizabeth Schallenberg, the youngest of 3 children. She is the great-granddaughter of W.R. Eddington (Brighton, IL), who fought in the Civil War and typed out his memoir at age 92 in 1934.

Diana is a graduate of Southwestern High School (1967, Piasa, IL), graduated University of Missouri at Columbia (1971, Go Tigers!) where she received her Bachelor of Science in Education, majoring in English. She taught in Harrisonville, MO for 3 years. In 1974, married Robert "Bob" Bundy of Drexel, MO. In 1975 she began teaching at Grandview High School. While her two daughters, Abbey and Brooke, were young, and she was teaching full-time, she completed her Master's Degree at UMKC.

She was an inspiration! Mrs. Bundy taught Junior & Senior English for 32 years at Grandview, including some college credit classes through UMKC. For countless years, she helped sponsor National Honor Society, Junior Class, and also Lit Mag. She wrote and co-wrote grants to attend writing conferences (frequently with Esther Dunnington), preferably during summer break in Martha's Vineyard! She also co-wrote the grant for the first Windows computer

lab in GHS.

She was compassionate. She was a firm teacher who expected students to dig deep and try hard. She filled the classroom with bellowing laughter, catch phrases, Tarzan yells, and cheers. As a sincere lover of poetry, she wrote as many as she read. She tried to capture the moment, a feeling, or experience - forever remembered in short stanzas. She encouraged students to write from within; use personal experience, heartache, and joy to create an authentic piece they could be proud of years later. She was passionate about honoring people's differences. She spent hours outside of school filling margins with dozens of helpful comments. She expected you to grow from each assignment and do better on the next one. The world has better writers because of her teaching and example.

She fiercely loved her family, and tried to give her daughters life experiences to appreciate the world around them. She watched most televised MU basketball and football games, and Royals and Chiefs games. After retirement, she enjoyed visiting her mother, family, and friends in St. Louis and driving up the River Road to look for eagles. She created gorgeous quilt tops and appliques. She looked forward to water aerobics 4 days a week, lunch at Andre's, watching Jeopardy, and book & poetry clubs.

She adored being a Grammy! She loved taking her grandkids to the movies, and spending hot summer days swimming, followed by spaghetti dinner. She looked forward to helping with school assignments, reading books out loud, playing Skip-Bo or Phase 10 and cheering on Dean & Trina at their numerous activities.

Diana is preceded in death by her parents, husband Bob Bundy, oldest daughter Abbey Bundy, and brothers Stan Schallenberg and Steve Schallenberg. Diana is survived by her daughter Brooke McNally (husband

Patrick McNally) of Stilwell, KS. "Grammy" will be deeply missed by grandson Dean McNally and granddaughter Trina McNally. She is also survived by sister-in-law Ruth Schallenberg, along with nieces, nephew, cousins, dear friends, respected co-workers, and beloved book club, poetry club, and water aerobics "family".

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2021; with visitation starting at 2:30pm, program at 3:30pm, at The View Community Center at 13500 Byars Rd, Grandview, MO 64030.

To honor her love of teaching, memorial donations may be made to: Grandview Education Foundation, PO Box 546, Grandview, MO 64030. Note that your donation is in memory of the one and only Mrs. Bundy.

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Dearest friend I ever had. Will miss her dearly...*

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**Margie Witt** - July 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM

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“ *The Southwestern High School Class of 1967 has made a memorial donation in Diana's name to the SWHS Scholarship Fund.*

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**Southwestern HS Class of 67** - July 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM

BM

*Thank you so much! She would love that. Sincerely, Brooke. (her daughter)*

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**Brooke McNally** - July 16, 2021 at 11:21 PM

KM

“ *Ms. Bundy was such an instrumental part of my high school experience. She challenged me as a writer and encouraged me to pursue writing post high school. Ms. Bundy was quirky and always knew how to get laughs out of her class - and allowed herself to laugh with us! She will be missed, but her legacy lives on through the many students' lives she touched over the years.*

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**Keisa Johnson Monroe** - July 13, 2021 at 11:26 AM

KE

“ *Such fond memories of Mrs. Bundy. Her spirit was free and contagious. She would sing songs by the doors as we entered class and encouraged so much thought and creativity in class.*

*Second semester during my senior year I somehow only needed one credit to graduate but needed a full class schedule to stay eligible to participate on the dance team as captain. No class existed at the time and without hesitation this woman created a class and curriculum for me. In that class I wrote about and shared haunting life experiences for the first time. It was the first time I considered becoming a writer.*

*I'm sure many of her students have similar stories of her smile and care. Rest well Mrs. Bundy ❤️*

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**keyonna** - July 13, 2021 at 10:14 AM

RJ

“ *Saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs Bundy. Some of my fondest HS memories involve being a student in several of her English classes. She always challenged me to be more than an athlete, and helped me to develop an affinity for poetry, public speaking, and book reading. I will remember her contagious laugh and her unbelievable ability to help us display the best versions of ourselves. Prayers to her family, and hopefully you all know just how special she was to the Grandview student body and community. Blessings*

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**Rickey Hunley Jr** - July 12, 2021 at 10:17 PM

DG

“ Brooke, I'm so sorry for your loss first of all. You mom, Diana, was such an influential English teacher for all her years at GHS. Much has been said about her abilities to teach creative writing and bring out the best of her students' writing. But she was also a very good teacher of American Literature and helped shaped the required reading in English III/American Literature at GHS. It was because of her that students read *The Crucible*, *The Scarlet Letter*, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *The Great Gatsby*, and many other works of American Literature. I think one of her favorite assignments was for each of her students to design and wear their own "scarlet letter" upon completion of that novel. The designs were always creative, imaginative and personal. Many of my former GHS students who also had your mom as a teacher speak of her in a glowing, affectionate, and warm manner. She was indeed a positive influence to countless students who had her as a teacher or sponsor in a club. Her classroom, though. I teased her that it looked like a bomb had gone off in it. She'd look up at me over her glasses and give me "that look." Hahaha. I'm sorry that I will be unable to attend the service, but please know that you are in my thoughts.  
Dean Gustafson

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Dean Gustafson - July 12, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JA

“ Mrs. Bundy was truly the best! She had such a positive impact on so many of us at GHS. She was one of the best teachers I had, and I can hear her infectious laugh right now. ❤️

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Janiece - July 12, 2021 at 06:01 PM

HB

“ *Diana Bundy was a true inspiration in my high school education. I was fortunate to spend a significant amount of my senior year (almost 20 years ago now) in her creative writing courses. As a journalistic writer, she really challenged me to stretch outside my comfort zone and elevated my skills. She was also a personal influence to me at a formative time in my life. I'm very thankful for the time I had with Ms. Bundy, and have thought of her often over the years. Sending lots of love, warmth and comfort to all who loved her and whose lives she touched.*

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**Heather Bashaw** - July 12, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Bright smiles, colorful hats, quick jokes, and kind words: these fill my memories of Diana. I loved teaching with her and was honored to be her friend. Much love to you all, Jan Rog*

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**Jan Rog** - July 12, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ *I always loved her smile and laugh!*

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**Jody White** - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM