



## B. Elizabeth Hewey

October 5, 1934 - March 28, 2020

B. Elizabeth (Baker) Hewey, 85, of Argenta, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Elizabeth was born October 5, 1934, in Bayle City, IL to Arthur M. and Beulah R. (Lee) Baker. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in Education. She taught school for many years, mostly in the Argenta-Oreana School District. She married Alan Downey Hewey in a one room school house in Friends Creek Park in Argenta, IL.

Elizabeth was a member of the Illinois and National Education Associations. She was active in the teaching community and made many life-long friendships. Elizabeth loved spending time with her family, fishing, traveling, gardening, canning, speed walking, reading, wintering in Florida, watching Illinois basketball, and being with Alan, the love of her life. She was a great cook and prepared many meals for family, friends, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church gatherings. She will be remembered for her beautifully handwritten notes and cherished letters. She was known in the community as an avid walker and often walked to work. She was always thinking of and doing for others and was a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Inn.

She is survived by her husband, Alan Hewey; children, Mark W. (Tamara) Pool, Gary L. (Sue Judiscak) Pool, Cheryl L. (Gary) Connelley, Cathy J. (Joe) Perritano, Alinda (Ed) Mattiuz and Andrea (Steve) Schwomeyer; her grandchildren, Andrea (Rob) Wilber, Shannon Connelley, Tanda Holt, Heath Pool, Brendon (Rachael) and Ashley Mattiuz, and Sarah and Lindsey Schwomeyer; her great-grandchildren, Reilly, Kolby and Lucy Wilber, Farrah Holt, Charlotte Astelle, and Kanyzia Cooper; and her sister, Jean Baker.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Kenneth Baker.

A celebration of her life will be scheduled at a later date.

For a memorial, please plant a tree in her honor.

Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

# Comments

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“ I was quite shocked when Gary informed me of Elizabeth’s sudden passing. Our deepest condolences to Alan, Cathy, Gary, Mark and Cheryl, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. I will always remember Elizabeth as an amazing teacher and mother whom I respect and appreciate for her dedication to her students and most importantly to her children and Allan. And yes, there were an occasion or two where she gave me motherly advice. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to visit Elizabeth and Allan when in town and talk with Elizabeth over the phone in recent years. One such visit was in 2014 when I stopped by unannounced with my family. We were warmly welcomed in, offered food and drinks and had a very pleasant visit catching up. What stood out to me from this visit, was the impression it made on our teenage boys. They thought it was so cool that we could visit teachers from my elementary and middle schools, and were most impressed by how welcoming, warm and friendly Elizabeth and Allan were.

A wonderful person, gone too soon.

Mike Jolly & Family

Mike Jolly - April 12, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ Alan, we are so shocked and saddened to hear of Elizabeth's sudden passing! Will certainly miss you folks as neighbors at Covered Bridge! May the Lord give you and your family peace and comfort in the days ahead! And may His love help fill the great loss in your life! Your friends, Bonnie and Rick Kennedy

Rick Kennedy - April 09, 2020 at 12:55 PM

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“ Kevin Floyd Trueblood lit a candle in memory of B. Elizabeth Hewey



Kevin Floyd Trueblood - April 05, 2020 at 03:11 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. She was one of my favorite teachers and I always enjoyed her class.  
Mark Snoke

Mark Snoke - April 05, 2020 at 11:14 AM

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“ I am so sadden to hear of your loss, Alan, Cheryl, Mark, Gary and Cathy. Elizabeth was a dear person and I will always cherish my memories of her.

Judy Beauchamp - April 04, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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“ I was so sorry to read about the death of Elizabeth. I always admired her and enjoyed my time working with her when I was an administrator in Argenta-Oreana. My deepest sympathy to Alan and all of her children.  
Michael Schmitz

Michael Schmitz - April 04, 2020 at 06:23 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. You mother was a very kind and beautiful person.  
Tim McMahon & Family

Tim McMahon - April 04, 2020 at 03:43 PM

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“ Elizabeth was truly a beautiful woman -inside and out. I am so thankful for the opportunity to know her.

Chris Hamilton



**chris Hamilton** - April 03, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ As the teacher of my 3 childran she was the best. I will miss her r beautiful smiling face and energy with all she did. We loved going to her and Allen's home for our fall pumpkin. she was an amazing woman, who I loved and admired so much. Sandy and Steve Schultz, Scott, Van & Amy 3 of your biggest fan.

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**Sandra Schultz** - April 07, 2020 at 12:53 AM

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“ Alan and Jean, I am so sorry for the loss of your wife, sister. She was a great lady. I remember the times Carolyn and I visited you in Bayle City. Elizabeth invited me to your Grandma's house for a meal from time to time when we both were at EIU. I especially remember her beautiful handwriting and her incredible intelligence. My condolences to both of you.

Ron Grissom

**Ron Grissom** - April 03, 2020 at 11:55 AM

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“ Alan, we have sent a brief message through the postal service to you, but do not have contact information for Cheryl, Mark, Cathy, or Gary. We have not had the opportunity to know your children Alinda and Andrea. Liz has always been a central piece in the Baker family. We cannot imagine the anguish you are experiencing, especially in light of the unexpected and sudden nature of her death. Liz loved you dearly and we are most grateful for the many years of happiness the two of you have shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, even if we cannot be together at this moment.

Kirby Hall

**Kirby Hall** - April 03, 2020 at 12:21 AM



“ Alan, I am sorry sorry about your loss. I loved working with and talking to Liz. She was definitely a wonderful friend.

**Carol hagemann** - April 02, 2020 at 03:23 PM

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“ Beautiful Souls - One fine day, we had the pleasure of being invited to lunch with Elizabeth and Alan. Being from Chicago, we had very little idea of experiences living in the country. They kept us in awe relating their past experiences together. Our inquisitiveness was quenched as they patiently answered our questions and gave us a tour of their home and farm. We even saw the old barn that had a basketball court inside it. After a delicious lunch and more stories, we were blessed with fresh picked pumpkins and sent on our journey (with big smiles in the rear view mirror). How lucky we were to meet Elizabeth and Alan. These are memories we will always have.  
Mark and Rosanne Sitkowski

**Rosanne Sitkowski** - April 02, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ Thank you so much for the kind words.

**Cathy Perritano** - April 02, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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“ The world is a little dimmer without your presence Mrs. Hewey. I'm so glad you were my teacher. Heaven sure gained a beautiful soul. You will be missed.

**Julie Bauer** - April 01, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ My feelings as well, Julie. Such a loss.

**L W** - April 02, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Elizabeth Hewey



**Jerry Decker** - March 31, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ Photo by Amy Barry

**Jerry Decker** - March 31, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ Love and Prayers to you Mr. Hewey  
Kris Nelson-Jones

**Kris Nelson-Jones** - March 31, 2020 at 02:00 PM

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“ Alan, I was shocked and saddened to hear about Liz's passing. Prayers and hugs to you and the family. Sincere condolences.

**Carol hagemann** - March 31, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ Alan,

I was so heartbroken to have received the sad news of Elizabeth's passing. Alan, you and Elizabeth were such good, supportive friends to my mom, dad, and Rodney and in the years since their passing, to me and my family. You became an extended part of my Illinois family. I always looked forward to my/our visits each time we came back. I have great regrets that last visit we missed being able to see you both. The special "homestyle" meals you always shared hold a special space in my memories. (Fried catfish, crappie or bass, delicious cobblers, pies, and fresh veggies from you and Elizabeth's garden. Yum!) Your home is a warm place and the perfect blend of your life together. Elizabeth was a gem of a person. She was kind, generous, and interesting. She was curious and had a real knack of making a person feel welcome and important. She will be sorely missed but continue to live on in our memories. I/we all, including Hannah send our condolences. I hope to see you soon. We are well but unable to travel now. Be well.

Lesla Westerman, Addison Thompson and Hannah



Lesla Westerman - March 30, 2020 at 10:22 PM

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“ Elaine and Jerry express sympathy with family and friends of B. Elizabeth Hewey, and thanks for years of association together.

Jerry Decker - March 29, 2020 at 11:15 PM