



Obituary - Billie Rae Durbin

Billie Rae Durbin, 86, former Fontana Unified School District teacher, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 22 at her home at Wildwood Canyon Villa in Yucaipa.

She was born in Parks, Arkansas on Feb. 28, 1930 and lived most of her life in Rialto. She taught in Fontana for 31 years. She started her career at Redwood Elementary School in the 1960s and finished at South Tamarind. Her primary focus was kindergarten and she always loved working with children! She was a dedicated member of the Fontana Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Ann Peters, 1986 and her husband, John R. Durbin, Jr., 1997. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Crane, also a Fontana teacher, and her son, John R. Durbin III; three brothers, John Goolsby of Camarillo, Lloyd D. Goolsby of Yucaipa, and Alvin D. Goolsby of Fulshear, TX; also, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Francis X. Cabrini Catholic Church, 12687 California St., Yucaipa at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5. A lunch reception will be held immediately following in the Parish Hall.