

Teresa Ann *Millette* Marshall

August 18, 1925 – June 6, 2014

Teresa Ann "Tess" Marshall, 88, of Carmel, Indiana, passed away at home on June 6, 2014.

Born in Vermillion, South Dakota, Teresa grew up in a farming family. Her deafness was discovered as a young child, but her formal education and access to language began at age seven, when an outreach worker connected her with the South Dakota School for the Deaf. She graduated from SDSD in 1945.



Teresa attended Gallaudet College, where she met Marvin J. Marshall, and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Sioux Falls College with the help of notes shared by hearing classmates. She also worked as a medical technician. Teresa and Marvin married in Sioux Falls on June 3, 1950.



The couple moved to Faribault, Minnesota, where Marvin taught at the Minnesota School for the Deaf. While raising their four children, Teresa volunteered at a hospital and served as a Cub Scout den mother. Encouraged by the school's principal, she became a teacher and helped establish Minnesota's Junior National Association of the Deaf chapter.

In 1969, the family moved to Indiana. Teresa taught middle school subjects at the Indiana School for the Deaf and earned a master's degree in special education from Butler University. Remembered fondly by former students, she believed in each child's abilities and encouraged them to reach their potential.

Teresa and Marvin retired in 1986 and enjoyed world travel with Deaf tour groups and involvement in Deaf organizations. She was also a member of the South Dakota Association of the Deaf for eight years. Teresa cared for Marvin during his illness with ALS until his death in 2004, following 53 years of marriage.

She continued enjoying bridge, MCL luncheons, the Red Hat Society, Deaf community events, senior conventions, and videophone conversations with friends. Above all, she treasured her family. Her warm smile and kindness touched Deaf and hearing people alike.



Teresa is survived by her children, Liza Marshall, Vernon "Sandy" Marshall and his wife Jean, Carlyle Marshall, and Bren Marshall; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Her family expressed special thanks to Bethany Adner and Arthur Day for their friendship and care.

A celebration of life was held September 6, 2014, at Flanner and Buchanan in Broad Ripple, Indianapolis. Memorial contributions were requested to the Indiana School for the Deaf.