

Sondra Kay Gilmore, a beloved educator, devoted family member, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2025, in Olathe, Kansas, at the age of 81.

Born on July 13, 1943, in Quincy, Illinois, Sondra's journey through life was marked by her passion for teaching and her unwavering love for her family.

A proud graduate of Quincy Senior High School, Sondra's commitment to education led her to Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in education. Throughout her distinguished career, she inspired countless students as a teacher, specializing in physical education and special education. Her dedication to nurturing young minds extended beyond the classroom, as she also served as a cheerleading coach, encouraging teamwork and school spirit among her students.

In 1998, Sondra took a brave leap into entrepreneurship by founding Granny's Schoolhouse in Louisburg, Kansas. For 25 years, she dedicated her heart and soul to this endeavor, fostering an environment where children could learn, grow, and thrive. After a fulfilling career, she retired, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, and wisdom.

Sondra's life was beautifully intertwined with her family. She married her loving husband, Jim Gilmore, in 1980, and together they shared a remarkable bond that spanned 45 years. The joy of her life came from her children and grandchildren; she took immense pride in her role as a mother to her children, and grandchildren. Sondra's greatest accomplishments were found not only in her professional life but also in the loving relationships she nurtured within her family.

In her leisure, Sondra found joy in reading and shopping, always seeking the next great story or perfect treasure. Her sparkling spirit and infectious laughter brought warmth to every gathering, and her kindness touched the lives of those fortunate enough to know her.

Sondra is survived by her beloved husband, Jim Gilmore; her children, Shannon Bryan, Lori Emerick, Christy (Tom) Stuart, and Robin (Richard) MacClymont; her eight cherished grandchildren, Drew Bryan, Jack Bryan, Ashley (Eian) Good, Kathryn Emerick, Shelby (Mike) Gale, Cody John, Crystal Herman, and Elizabeth MacClymon; and four great grandchildren, Mia, Axel, William, and Kolt. She was preceded in death by her parents, Grover and Virginia Thompson, and her son, John Bryan.

Sondra's light will continue to shine through the hearts of those she loved and who loved her fiercely. As we remember her, let us carry forward her legacy of compassion, dedication, and love.



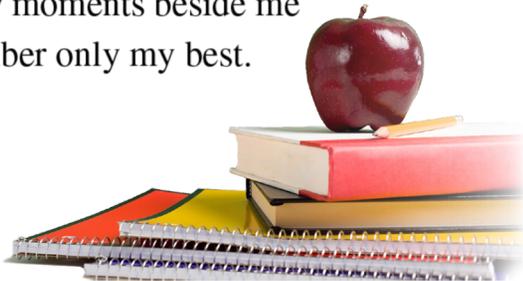
*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Sondra Kay Gilmore**

*July 13, 1943 ~ June 17, 2025*



## *When I'm Gone*

When I come to the end of my journey  
And I travel my last weary mile,  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the smile.  
Forget unkind words I have spoken;  
Remember some good I have done,  
Forget that I ever had a heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun.  
Forget that I have stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way.  
Remember I have fought some hard battles  
And won, ere the close of the day,  
Then forget to grieve for my going,  
I would not have you sad for a day,  
But in summer just gather some flowers  
And remember the place where I lay  
And come in the evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And remember only my best.



## *In Memory Of* Sondra Kay Gilmore

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### *Funeral Service*

*2:00 PM, Monday, June 23, 2025*

*Dengel & Son Mortuary - Louisburg Chapel*

### *Officiating*

*Pastor Sandy Harris*

### *Music Selections*

*"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

*"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"*

### *Pallbearers*

*Drew Bryan Jack Bryan*

*Dan Smith Zachary Knox*

*Josh Jackson Shani O'Shields*

### *Interment*

*Louisburg Cemetery*

*Louisburg, Kansas*