



Gina Rae Ilbery

May 4, 1962 - December 3, 2020

Gina Rae Ilbery, 58, of Keenes, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, in Centralia.

She was born May 4, 1962, in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of Thomas George and L. Darlene (Spangler) Wilson. On August 15, 1987, she married Michael D. Ilbery, and he survives in Keenes.

She graduated from Kell Grade School, Salem High School, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville, and Eastern Illinois University, and earned her Master's Degree, in Education. After a fulfilling career in education, she retired as Superintendent from Field Grade School in 2019. Gina was a faithful, lifelong member of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Iuka. She was involved in many aspects, including worship leader, Vacation Bible School, and was devoted to serve the Lord in any way she could. She has left a great legacy in her family, who will forever be appreciative and touched by her selfless devotion and love.

In addition to her husband, Michael Ilbery, of Keenes, she is survived by three children, Shala Carson and husband Michael of Glen Carbon, Illinois, Micah Ilbery and wife Kim of Edwardsville, Illinois, and Noah Ilbery and wife Kourtney of Edwardsville, Illinois; three grandchildren, Michaela Carson, Camryn Baker, and Thatcher Ilbery; mother, Darlene Wilson of Iuka; brother, Guy Wilson and wife Sara of Kell; sister, Jana Jones and husband Randy of Iuka; and foster brother Ralph Girgenti and wife Joyce of Portage, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas G. Wilson.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, a private family funeral service for Mrs. Ilbery will be held. In accordance with her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, and will be accepted by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences, memories, or photographs can be sent to memoriesofginailbery@gmail.com.

Tribute Wall

PT

“ Mike so sorry to hear about Gina. Will be thinking and praying for all of you.

Pam Tindle - December 07, 2020 at 01:54 PM

MT

“ Mike, Shala, Micah, Noah and Family. I want you all to know how saddened I am to hear of Gina's passing. We started our teaching careers together in the early 80's. I then, was extremely fortunate to get to work with her for numerous years at Field School in various capacities. I want you to know, that I have been praying for Gina for the past several years! She was so devoted to children, I admired her so much and I am immensely blessed to have had the opportunity to call her a friend! She will be missed by so many!!! May God bless you all! My prayers and thoughts are with you! 🙏
Melanie Trone

Melanie Trone - December 05, 2020 at 11:57 AM

RP

“ I knew Gina for approximately 30 years. Early on, as a parent of one of my first grade students (Shala) at Bluford School. Later, as a coworker and boss at Field Elementary School. She was an excellent, admired educator, as well as a respected administrator. The needs of her students always came first. I will forever remember her as a very dedicated, strong, and courageous friend. My heart goes out to Mike, Shala, Micah, Noah, and their families. They meant the world to her. She was a wonderful person, and will be missed!

Renee Pelaez - December 05, 2020 at 01:42 AM

MM

“ I remember Gina as one of the kindest, caring and most generous girls all during our high school years. She always treated others with grace and a loving heart. Mike and I send our deepest sympathy for your loss and pray for comfort for you, your children and grandchildren.

Mike & Tarry McCann - December 04, 2020 at 10:46 PM

JO

“ I was a student of Mrs. Ilbery's at Ashley and she was our cheerleading sponsor. She was a great teacher and I remember our year end slumber parties she would have with us girls. They are such fun memories. She will be missed dearly. My deepest sympathy to all of the family.

Julie (Kujawa) Overton - December 04, 2020 at 10:34 PM

LS

“ I knew Gina from SSBA VBS & @ Field GS. She was always so full of life & joy. A very kind person to all people. I am glad to have known her. Praying for all her family.

Lila Speidel - December 04, 2020 at 08:39 PM

JH

“ Whenever I think of Math, I think of Ms. Ilbery teaching me in the back corner of the cafeteria at Field Gradeschool. She had a confident and kind demeanor that I admired and respected. I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to learn from her.

Jessica (Farrar) Hirsch - December 04, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MN

“ My deepest condolences and many prayers go out to Mike and family during this difficult time. I am so saddened. I will always remember Mrs. Ilbery, as she taught me at Ashley Grade School in 6th-8th grades, and was one of my favorites. She was a genuine person and made a difference in my life. I will always be grateful for her friendship. Many prayers for comfort go out to her family and all who knew and loved her. May she rest in peace.

Michelle Newcomb - December 04, 2020 at 08:21 PM

VH

“ Vera Hayes lit a candle in memory of Gina Rae Ilbery



Vera Hayes - December 04, 2020 at 08:16 PM

RC

“ I was a student of Mrs. Ilbery's in her first three years at Ashley Grade School. It saddens me to know that she has passed away. I looked up to Mrs. Ilbery throughout my time as her student. Lots of great memories. I always wanted to thank her for being my inspiration to go into teaching. My sympathy goes out to all of her family. You will be in my prayers.

Rachel (Hamil) Copus - December 04, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gina Rae Ilbery.*



December 04, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ *This is so sad 😞 I enjoyed many years teaching with Gina at Ashley Grade School! Prayers for her family 🙏*

Sandy Hansen - December 04, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ *My heart breaks for Gina's family. Her life was way too short. I'm so very sorry for all of you.*

Sandra Kabat - December 04, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Our thoughts and Prayers are with you Mike and your children and grandchildren .
Your old buddy Kevin Kelton*

Kevin Kelton - December 04, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *We join you in your grief of your precious wife & mom. Pleas know that Char, Kenneth, David, Alexis and I are praying for you in the midst of this journey of grief. We love you guys.*

*Brian Bond
Calvary Baptist Church, Edwardsville*

Brian Bond - December 04, 2020 at 05:34 PM

VH

“ *My Heart breaks for Mike and family. She was one of the sweetest ladies I have known since grade school. My prayers are with you all at this time. She is with her dad and grandma now in Heaven shining down on you all. Love and prayers*

Valorie Heinzmann - December 04, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gina Rae Ilbery.*



December 04, 2020 at 04:43 PM

MW

“ *Heartfelt condolences for Gina's family and loved ones. I remember Gina as our beautiful little second cousin on our "dad's side" who played with us Daniels girls when we went to Tom and Darlene's. Our memories are fond and precious. Please take comfort in knowing that she was revered.*

Mary Daniels Walker - December 04, 2020 at 03:33 PM