

The Joan Ruth Ewing Scholarship Fund

Joan Ruth is remembered as being a loving teacher, aunt, sister, and friend who loved her community deeply and dedicated much of her time to serving her students, her family, and many others in her community.

Joan was born on May 8, 1932 to Joseph L. and Amelia Doyle Ewing. She had one younger sister, Mary Catherine. Joan graduated from Rochester High School in 1950 and was a proud Rochester Zebra. She continued on to Indiana University and graduated four years later with a bachelor's degree in secondary education, majoring in both Spanish and English.



Joan began teaching at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis; however, she wished to move closer to home and signed a contract with Logansport Community Schools. Through teaching, she was able to share a love for languages, teaching Spanish and English at Logansport High School and mentoring students for 39 years. She was the department head of the LHS language department, and she was also the sponsor of the Spanish Club for many years. She served as a teacher for over forty years, before retiring in 1994.

Upon retirement, Joan enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, shopping, dining out, and traveling. She spent time in the winter in Fort Myers, and she annually attended plays in Stratford, Canada, which was one of her favorite destinations. She also loved taking trips to Las Vegas in order to see shows. Joan had other hobbies, such as flower gardening, cheering for Indiana University, and spending time with her English Springer Spaniel named Skippy.

Joan was very family-oriented, and she loved to support her nieces and nephews at their sporting events, music programs, and academic honor nights. When she later had great-nieces and great-nephews, she was just as supportive and loving. Family get-togethers were some of her favorite times when she relaxed and enjoyed seeing the children.

Joan loved her community and stayed very involved. She was a member of Tri-Kappa for sixty-three years. She was also a part of the Tourist Club in Logansport, and she was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the Cass County and Fulton County Retired Teacher groups. Joan was also very active in her church, Rochester's First Baptist Church, and was a member for over 50 years. She sang soprano in the choir, was a member of the M & M group and the Fellowship Guild.

Sadly, Joan passed away in March of 2014. In that same year, Joan's sister and brother-in-law, Katie and Phil McCarter, established the Joan Ruth Ewing Scholarship Fund in order to commemorate Joan. The fund provides scholarships for graduating seniors of Rochester High School seeking a four-year degree in education. Students must be accepted into and must attend an accredited Indiana college or university.