

Mary "Eileen" Hair (AKA My Mamaw)

Presented by her Grandson Luke, grade 7 at St. Peter's School

Eileen came to St. Peter's Catholic School in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and quickly became one of the most popular girls in her class by the time she had graduated in 1951. Her beauty and charisma carried her to Bishop Hogan High School and she was the Homecoming Queen in 1955.

After marriage and the birth of her three sons: Shawn (my dad), Tim, and Brendan (Ella and Audra's dad), the family moved back to Kansas City and back to her roots, St. Peter's Parish. Sister Johanna, former principal, recognized Eileen to volunteer in the school doing many things and soon she was spending time in the classrooms. By the 1976-77 school year, she was given a classroom and was totally in her element.

Always a gracious teacher but known to be a tough grader, she guided the 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition. She loved and accepted all her students, delighting in the more accomplished, but always giving a little more to students who were struggling. She also had good success with almost all of the fun-loving and sometimes mischievous boys. Her ability to get positive results with her own songs without breaking their spirit definitely carried over to the classroom.

Eileen was famous for greeting every student in the school by their first name and rewarding students with jolly ranchers. Her belief and support for Catholic education has been lived through her students, her sons, and her grandchildren.

Thank you so much for this honor!