



## Sara Elizabeth Reid

June 9, 1938 - February 26, 2017

Sara Elizabeth Reid, age 80, Bloomington, Indiana passed on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the IU Health Hospice House.

She was born on June 9, 1936 in Frankfort, Indiana, the daughter of James William and Virginia Mae (Staton) Kent. Sara was a 1954 graduate of Morristown High School in Morristown, IN. She married Roger Alan Reid on August 17, 1957 in Fountaintown, IN. Sara was a 1958 graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree (BME). She was a 1974 graduate of Butler University with her Master in Music Performance (MM), and a 1985 graduate of IUPUI with her Master of Music Technology. In the 1960s Sara worked for the Shelby Eastern School District as an elementary music teacher, gave private piano lessons, and she was a member of the Fountaintown United Methodist Church where she served as pianist and music director for the adult choir and the Candy Bar Choir for children. From 1978 to 2001 Sara taught voice at Marian University and she retired in 2001 as Professor Emeritus of Vocal Pedagogy. She was an active alumnus of the IU Singing Hoosiers, she loved all kinds of music, singing, playing piano, teaching, reading, traveling, and she was a mentor and counselor of countless students throughout her career. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sara is survived by her children: Jessica R. (Russell) Read of Sussex, WI, James D. Kent Reid of Bloomington, IN, and three grandchildren: Ian Kent Read, Billie Cheyenne Kay, James Dylan "JD" Reid.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a granddaughter, Adrienne Elizabeth Read.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 2:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, IN, with Rev. Andy Kort officiating. Visitation will be Saturday, March 4, 2017 from noon to service time at the church. Cremations Rites have been accorded. In lieu of flowers the family asks all memorial contributions be made to the IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Sara's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shannon Wichman lit a candle in memory of Sara Elizabeth Reid*



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**Shannon Wichman** - March 07, 2017 at 10:43 PM



“ *I was a young little fish from a small town when I entered the choir room at Marian in Fall 1988. I was scared I had no place in a college choir but Sara quickly put me through my paces declaring me a "lazy soprano" Who needed to drink more water and I fell in love with her right then and there. The next year she convinced me to try out for the school Musical and I got in. The time preparing was some of the hardest I'd done vocally but Sara made every practice fun. She gave this small town girl a big boost of confidence and I will always love her for it. Sara was an amazing spirit and I bet she's singing show tunes in heaven! Love to all of you!*

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**Shannon Wichman** - March 07, 2017 at 10:42 PM

KS

“ Hi,

*Sara was a wonderful neighbor and friend to my mom June Gladfelter. When my siblings and I wanted to arrange for a cruise to Alaska for my mom we immediately thought of Sara as someone that would jump at the chance to share that experience. They had a once in a lifetime trip and I am so glad that Sara was willing to go with her. Sara has been a wonderful friend, always upbeat and friendly. She has the most amazing sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss and that I never got to hear Sara sing!*

*Kelly Spangler, North Carolina.*

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**Kelly Spangler** - March 07, 2017 at 01:31 PM

RF

“ 1956 Singing Hoosiers USO (Japan and Korea) summer tour: An Army bus lumbers along a dusty and foul smelling unpaved rural road, somewhere in South Korea. Onboard are a marvelous group of Indiana University students - clad in Army issue combat fatigues, boots and field caps with improvised "dust masks" over their mouths and noses. From the rear of the bus comes that magnificent Wagnerian Soprano voice (at a very high decibel range) trumpeting those often uttered, vocalese outbursts - - "REST STOP"! [Due to the fact that there were then no rest areas or public gas station facilities in that country, the exercise involved the gals "going" behind the stopped bus and the guys doing likewise in front of the vehicle.] Ergo, it is fair to say that our beloved Sara Kent was in great part responsible for the untold numbers of Singing Hoosiers "water marks" left in Korea that summer!!! Those of us who have been blessed by sharing precious time with our beautiful Sara, will always cherish the memories of her kind nature, her lovely smile and her wonderfully infectious laugh. God made only one Sara Kent Reid.

Roger A. Fortna

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Roger A. Fortna - March 04, 2017 at 03:01 PM

SH

“ Jessica and Jamie  
I was part of the candy bar choir! Your mom also gave me piano lessons. She sang at my wedding too! I remember during my piano lessons you guys would be around and of course sometimes in trouble as young kids do! Those were the days! Your mom touched so many lives, so sad to hear of her passing, but as Charlotte Cox said, she is leading a heavenly choir now! Love to all! Sara Dunham Haycock

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Sara Haycock - March 02, 2017 at 08:31 PM

TM

“ We sang together, we taught together, we talked together (and talked, and talked, and talked!). I cannot imagine a world without her all-encompassing smile, infectious laughter, and deep, deep love. I suppose we'll have to get along somehow. Thank you Sara for all that you have meant in my life.

*Tim McGinley  
Whitman, Massachusetts*

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**Tim McGinley** - March 02, 2017 at 07:52 PM

DW

“ Sara touched my heart in 1983 when I took voice lessons while at Marian College (Marian University). We became fast friends and confidante. She helped me to build my confidence and loved me when I wasn't sure about loving myself. She created a wonderful environment where people felt safe and cared for...we all loved her so much. I am grateful to you Sara for loving us all and for making a space for us to love one another. I have beautiful memories singing with Sara and so many lovely people at Stokely mansion as well as Christmas chorale at Allison mansion and few nights at the "Blue bird". My life has been so much richer because of Sara Reid.  
*Love, Dee Williams*

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**Diana "Dee" Williams** - March 02, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ My mother died when I was 10 years old. I was raised by well meaning cousins on my mother's side but they were not truly equipped for raising a young boy. I came to Marian College in Indianapolis from a small high school in Greentown Indiana.

Marian was small, but to a shy introverted kid it seemed huge. I thought I would quit until I wandered to Stokely Mansion where the Music School was at time and met Sara Reid.

She had a beautiful studio with a big chandelier over a baby grand piano. She was so proud of that. She had a big smile and great sense of humor. She drove a black Camaro Z28. I thought-" I have just met the most amazing woman alive."

Later I realized I really had. She was equipped to be a mom to me and so many. She was truly one of a kind. She touched so many lives---and help to make me and all of her students into the people we are today.

She was talented, wise and knew just what to say and how to say it, Many voice lessons with her you would never sing a note. Just talk about life and everything in it. She loved to laugh, and had a great one.

When I was doing shows at Marian, I knew if I could hear her laugh--I was on the right track. There will never be another one like her. She worked so hard at what she did while she was here.

I tried to call her as often as I could----now wish I had called her more. I spoke of coming to visit her and kept putting it off. She was bigger than life for me and I thought she would live forever. We take so much for granted in this world.

I am so thankful for knowing her and the years we had at Marian College together. The choirs of heaven will never be the same. Rest in peace good and faithful servant.

*I will remember you always. My condolences to Jessie, Jamey and her grandchildren. Thank you for sharing her with all of us.*

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**Jeff Johns** - March 02, 2017 at 11:35 AM

PR

“*Dear Jessie and Jamie, Sara and I met 1955 at IU Summer Music Camp. We continued our friendship at IU Music School and the Singing Hoosiers. After 1958 we always lived in different states. No matter the years we were apart each meeting was if we saw each other all the time. There are so many things that will keep Sara in my thoughts and so many funny times together, like her story about the Japanese bathroom, the Japan/Korea trip, the State Fair show, her solo "Love Is Where You Find it". I will miss her. Pat McNamara Rhodes*

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**Pat Rhodes** - March 02, 2017 at 08:26 AM

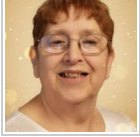
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“*Sara was just 4 days younger than my husband, Larry, and they attended all 12 years of school together. Then in 1957 we were married on her birthday and she seemed so pleased and happy about that. What a wonderful friend and classmate she was. Most always a smile and always and I mean always if she saw you she would stop and say a few words. She was a "REAL" person. We loved her so much and we will miss her dearly. We know she will be leading and participating in that heavenly choir, our loss is heaven's gain. In deepest heartfelt sympathy, Charlotte L. Cox*

*PS. Also another classmate, Bonnie (Brandenberg, Wagner wanted me to send her condolences to the family. She also thought so much of Sara and, as all of us , enjoyed her musical talent. God Bless You All.*

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**Charlotte L. Cox** - March 01, 2017 at 06:42 PM



“ *I have many great memories of Sara as director of the chorus of the fountaintown United Methodist Church we had many lafths. I will always think of her with love.*

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**Nancy Stine** - March 01, 2017 at 05:46 PM

MW

“ Writing a tribute to Sara. Where does one begin? I met this wonderful lady during my first semester at Marian in January of 1983. What blossomed and grew from that point was a friendship and a respect that I am pressed to find anything to compare to. She was first an outstanding voice instructor, choir director & mentor. She was also a cultivator of talent, a source of encouragement when you were troubled and a steadfast friend and mother figure to so many. Her style of teaching and imparting wisdom to all who sought her out resulted in countless admirers, confidants and friends. From her many students to other professors and peers, she was respected for her drive, knowledge dedication and absolute love for what she did and those she inspired along the way. For me, she was like a second mom. Someone I could confide in and get advice from not only during my college years but for many years thereafter. I am so happy that I was able to be there for her in her times of need as well as the many road trips we would both make to have lunch at a favorite eatery and catch up on our own lives as well as so many others that we both had known over the years. She was always just a phone call away and always available to lend an ear and offer an opinion. She was Godmother to my only child. Her love of music was evident in her performances with other faculty, students and in service to others. Her voice was angelic, powerful and full of happiness. She imparted joy and smiles whenever she sang. She brought forth the hidden talents of many students who studied under her and taught them the value and satisfaction of expression thru music. Her absence now from this world will impact many but it is my hope that each of us who knew her can draw from the many wonderful memories and positive influences she has had on all whose talents she cultivated & hearts she touched. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Rest easy now my dear friend Sara. You've earned your place in God's Kingdom.

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Mike Weingartner - March 01, 2017 at 12:30 PM

SY

“ I used to clean for Sara when I was in college. She was a wonderful lady and my life is better having known her. I'm sorry for your family's loss - she will be missed.

Sara (Simmermeyer) Yearout  
Marian 2001

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**Sara Yearout** - March 01, 2017 at 08:26 AM

KT

“ I owe a lot to Sara for being the best teacher to be had when I attended Fountaintown grade school. During and after high school she gave me voice lessons and i will always remember her smile and kind way. i have always thought of her often

What a lovely lady.

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**Keith Toll** - March 01, 2017 at 06:52 AM