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Kay (84) was born in Gary, Indiana and passed away at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City, Oregon with family by her side. She graduated from Horace Mann High School in Gary, Indiana in 1952. She was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, with a B.S. degree in elementary education. Kay married Alfred Dombrowski in 1956. While raising her two young daughters and teaching fulltime, she obtained a masters of arts degree in liberal arts from Valparaiso University. She later achieved a certification in administration/supervision and an endorsement in gifted and talented education, both from Purdue University. Kay was a teacher, elementary school principal, and educator (K-8) for the Gary, IN public school system for forty years (1960-2000). At the time of her retirement, Kay was teaching in the Gifted and Talented Program at Tolleston Middle School. She and her husband retired to Depoe Bay, OR where they enjoyed the outdoors and volunteer activities. Kay was an avid sports fan, particularly of all Chicago professional teams.

Kay leaves behind her two daughters, Lynne (San Francisco, CA) and Jeanne (Depoe Bay, OR) and her sister Linda Cross (Marlton, NJ) along with many

nieces and nephews and two granddogs. She is preceded in death by her husband Alfred and her parents (Melvin and Mona Johnson). No service is planned after her cremation, per Kay's request. The family suggests that to honor Kay donations be made to the Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org).

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Dombrowski was one of my favorite teachers ever. She did everything to make us feel like we belonged and were special. We played chess and othello in her classroom at lunch. She took us to see A Christmas Carol at The Goodman Theater. She taught me what "kibbitz" meant and why it wasn't good to do it. Few teachers have affected me like she did. She may be gone but she is definitely not forgotten. Love you Mrs. D.

Kay - February 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure and honor of being a student of Mrs. Dombrowski's at Tolleston. She is one of my all time favorites! My name is Shacauntae and she loved it...most teachers, professors and people in general go with my last name (Spencer) because they say it's "easier." Not Mrs. Dombrowski! She always told me Shacauntae could stand alone, that it was a statement by itself and it sounds like a perfume. My condolences to her family and all who love her. May your faith and memories comfort you.

Kay - February 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Dombrowski was the first teacher to encourage me to write from my imagination. She loved us, was always fair and firm, and held us to high standards. I think of her often.

Kay - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Dombrowski will always have a place in my heart. I know the troubles she sometimes faced as one of her students, yet she always stuck in there and continued to teach us. She impacted many lives whether she knew it or not.

Kay - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember playing Abalone in her classroom at Tolleston! Although I wasn't a language arts type of guy she definitely taught with a passion that I noticed and kept me engaged and interested in the written word.

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“ Mrs. Dombrowski was a great teacher that truly cared for her students. She always encouraged us to do our best, and to understand the material we'd read. She was passionate about what she did, and for that I am truly grateful. She will be missed by many of us students, but we will always remember her. Thank you Mrs. D, you opened our imaginations and our minds.

Kay - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Dombrowski was my teacher in 7th grade. She was always kind and energetic. I loved being in her class and will always have fond memories of her. My prayers go out to al who loved her or whose lives were touched by her.

Kay - February 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hello Lynne n Jeanne. My condolences to you two n the entire family. This is one of the Williamson girls from Lincoln St. in Gary, Indiana. We loved being your neighbors n was sad when we learned the family was relocating. You guys and your parents too were always so gracious n kind n accepted us for who we were. We especially loved when your parents would make sure we got the big candy bars on Halloween - all nine of us. Once again condolences from the Williamson family and our prayers are with you. Much Love, Yvette (Williamson) Whitehead

Kay - February 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Dombrowski was always so gracious, warm, and engaging. She wanted to know her daughters' friends.

Kay - February 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM