



Cindy Drumheller

September 8, 1946 - May 18, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Cindy Drumheller, who passed away on May 18, 2026, at the age of 79.

Through determination and perseverance, Cindy put herself through school to earn her Bachelor's degree, two Master's degrees, and a Doctorate in Education. She dedicated over 20 years to teaching in Illinois Public Schools, where she inspired her students with patience, compassion, and a genuine commitment to their success. She also served as a Bible teacher at Rockford Christian Camp and as an adjunct professor at Harding University, extending her passion for teaching and mentorship beyond the classroom.

Cindy's life was rooted in a steadfast faith in God, which guided her actions, shaped her character, and was evident in the love and encouragement she shared with others. She was a devoted mother and proud grandmother, finding great joy in her family and cherishing the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Phyllis Cissne, and her brothers, Robert and David. Cindy is survived by her sister, Nancy Bailey (Chuck); her sons, Scott (Carrie), Peter, and Matt (Christina); and her two grandchildren, Alex and Kelsey.

She will be deeply missed by her family, former students, colleagues, and all who knew her. Cindy leaves behind a lasting legacy of faith, dedication, and service.

A private family service will be held at Oaklawn Cemetery in Searcy, Arkansas, where she will be laid to rest. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Harding University Carr College of Education, in her name: <https://www.harding.edu/give/give-now/>

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

100 E. Moore Ave.
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall

PE

“ *I love you Mom*

Peter - June 06 at 09:19 AM

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“ *Scott, Peter and Matt,
We are so sad about the passing of your mother, our dear sweet Cindy. She was an amazing blessing to all four of us, giving encouragement, friendship and love. When Jay went back to school to become a teacher, Cindy gave important advice and detailed instructions on how to proceed, as well as multiple job listings. To Rachel, she encouraged her during her college years and we had an amazing trip to the city to see her senior project. To Charlie, she gave smiles and furniture, getting him ready for his next adventure. To me, a friendship that I will remember the rest of my life. Her mantras, never give up, always follow the Lord. We will all miss her greatly.*

Sally Hearn

Sally Hearn - May 28 at 09:56 PM

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“ Dr. Drumheller shared her time, love, and faith so generously with others. She spent meaningful time with some of the Chinese students at Harding, and they had a wonderful time with her. Her kindness, friendship, and faithful spirit touched many lives and will always be remembered.

And no one will forget that she made the best honey chicken wings — a small but special reminder of her warmth, hospitality, and love for others.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Ivy - May 26 at 12:22 PM

KE

“ I love you super gram. My best friend always and forever. Thank you for always believing in me and being my biggest cheerleader through every step of my career as a teacher (I wanted to be just like you)



Kelsey - May 26 at 12:24 AM

JS

“ Cindy was our reading resource director in Illinois. I subbed for her when she took over my reading resource position. Cindy was the kindest lady and a dedicated Christian. She was a dear friend. I will miss her tremendously. She loved her family and shared wonderful stories about them. My sympathy goes to her family. God bless.
Jackie Schmidt

Jackie Schmidt - May 24 at 06:27 PM

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“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Cindy Drumheller



Nancy - May 22 at 02:21 PM

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“ She was a very loving sister, and great prayer partner. I will surely miss her.

Nancy - May 22 at 02:18 PM

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