

**Ailene Spernol**  
Obituary

Allene Frances Spernol, age 79, of Glen Carbon, passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, at Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon.

She was born April 22, 1937, in Granite City, the daughter of Albert and Mary (Kettle) Spernol. Her parents preceded her in death.

Allene grew up in Edwardsville.

A 1955 graduate of Edwardsville High School, Allene earned a Special

Education/Elementary B.S. in Education from Illinois State Normal University in 1959. She did graduate work at Illinois State University at Normal and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Ms. Spernol's teaching career began with a first grade class at Columbus School in Edwardsville followed by a special education mentally handicapped class. In 1966, she moved to Neha, Okinawa, to spend two years teaching emotionally disturbed first graders. Ms. Spernol then moved to West Berlin, Germany, to open the Berlin American Senior High School for the Department of Defense Overseas Dependent Schools. Returning to Edwardsville in 1969, she taught learning disabled and first, second and third grades at Columbus and LeClaire schools, retiring in 1994. Ms. Spernol touched the lives of hundreds of children.

Joining the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Junior Service Club in 1964, Ms. Spernol served as sponsor, president, vice president and chairman of many committees. She was inducted into the Beta Eta chapter, Delta Gamma Kappa Society International. She served this organization of women educators as president, vice president, secretary and on committees of Lambda State.

As a member of EEA, IEA, NEA and IRTA, Ms. Spernol worked on committees and negotiating teams to improve conditions for teachers and children. After appointment to the Edwardsville Human Relations Commission, Ms. Spernol was chairman and secretary of a group working to improve handicapped accessibility in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area.

Ms. Spernol served as the Edwardsville representative with the Easter Seal Society for several years. She worked on several State education committees for rules and regulations concerning handicapped children.

Ms. Spernol enjoyed traveling with family or friends to many countries. She was part of the "Butterflies" retired teachers. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Edwardsville.

Surviving are a cousin: Nancy (Jim) Stephens of Danville and family and relatives in the Du Quoin, Ill., area, good friends, former roommates and several "adopted" nephews and one niece. She was preceded in death by aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be no visitation.

A graveside service by Rev. John Hembruch will be held at Sunset Hills Memorial Gardens on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the Anderson Hospital Rehabilitation Center or the Edwardsville Public Library's Children's Section.

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