



## Joan C Kendzior

June 18, 1938 - July 15, 2025

Joan C. Kendzior, 87 years old, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. She was born on June 18, 1938 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Francis A. and Clementine Higgins.

Joan showed a love of learning from an early age. During her elementary education, in 6th grade, Joan was Detroit's WXYZ Quizdown Champion. Joan continued her education at the University of Michigan, receiving an undergraduate degree in education and later a Master's Degree in education from the University of Miami-Ohio. Joan was an elementary teacher for over 40 years, concluding her career at South School in Medinah, IL.

Joan was an active member in the Riverside, IL Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church in Naples, FL. Joan also supported her local chapter (Riverside, IL) of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). In her retirement, Joan volunteered in local elementary schools and supported non-profit organizations that were committed to women and education.

Joan is survived by her sons Paul and Craig Kendzior, daughter-in-law Ann Kendzior; grandchildren Matthew, Alex and Grace Kendzior and great grandchildren Hadley and Everett Kendzior. Joan was preceded in death by her husband Chester Kendzior, Jr. and daughter-in-law Lynda Kendzior.

A private memorial service will be held with her immediate family to celebrate her life.