



## Lina DeHout (Kirby Ehresman) Scardino

July 22, 1927 - July 6, 2020

Lina DeHout (Kirby Ehresman) Scardino passed away on July 6th, 2020 in Dunedin, FL. She was 92 years old. She was born to the late Leon DeHout and Susan G. Cosgrove on July 22nd, 1927 in Whitesburg, PA. She graduated from Kittanning High School, and received a Bachelor's Degree from then Indiana State Teachers College, and a Master's Degree in Counseling from Frostburg State College. She married Robert E Kirby in 1954, and had 2 daughters, Kathy and Melanie, he died in 1984 after 30 years of marriage. She married Earl S Ehresman in 1986 and they enjoyed nearly 20 years together before his death in 2005. She then married Ralph Scardino in 2007 who passed a short 11 months later. She is survived by her daughters, their husbands and 5 grandchildren: Kathleen K Bliesner (and her husband David), and Melanie V Doherty (and her husband Edward) and 5 grandchildren: Nicholas Bliesner, Samuel Bliesner, Erin (Bliesner) Jones (and her husband Brock), Madeline Doherty and James Doherty. Lina lived a long and happy life. Her father believed in education and she was among the few women to pursue a college degree in the 1940s. She taught HS at her Alma Mater until meeting and marrying Robert E. Kirby and moving to Cumberland, MD. She touched many students as a long-time Business Teacher and Guidance Counselor at Bishop Walsh High School there. Many students called her "mom" and she loved each class that passed through her doors. She taught typing and accounting to thousands of students and helped many students pursue higher education and careers after high school. After retiring from BWHS, she moved to St Pete Beach, FL and enjoyed the ocean and sunshine of the Gulf Coast. She loved cruising and travelling. Her favorite destinations were New Orleans and her dream trip to Paris in 2014. Lina always loved dancing, and music. She started competitive Ballroom Dancing when she was 80, and won many competitions and enjoyed the challenge of the routines and choreography. A car accident changed her health and abilities and she became a resident at Bon Secours Place Assisted Living, shortly thereafter, where she was a fixture at daily mass and the resident activities. She will be interred at Bay Pines VA Cemetery. Due to the current pandemic, a mass and memorial service will be conducted at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations in Lina D Scardino's memory to: St Joseph's Catholic Church, 2025 22nd Ave S, St Petersburg, FL (<https://stjosephstpete.org/>). She enjoyed the dynamic and vibrant Gospel Service there

for many years.

# Cemetery

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## **Bay Pines National Cemetery**

10000 Bay Pines Blvd

Bay Pines, FL, FL

# Comments

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“ Sending condolences to your family. A beloved teacher she was, indeed. I still don't know how she did it, her patience was something to behold. People comment about my lightning fast typing to this day, as I do it very loudly from banging on manual typewriter when first learning, only to graduate to a fancy electric one later. One of the most valuable life skills I ever learned. God bless you all, may she rest in peace.

**Stacy** - July 18, 2020 at 06:57 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of her passing - we all gave her a run for her money at BW, but she was a good and patient teacher. I am using the skills she taught me in typing classes to type this note to you all. I have used these skills all my life in most jobs and in college; who would have known that learning typing and keyboards would be something that we all would use many times in our daily lives. My sympathies to you Cathy and Melanie and your families, Nora Clark Drake

**Nora Clark Drake** - July 14, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ Kathy and Melanie so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a great woman. She was my favorite teacher at BW and I always looked forward to her classes. She was the one that directed me to Robert Morris to begin my college career and I have been able to apply those skills through my entire life to this day. I remember all the fun we had at your house over the years. Miss those years, they went too fast.

Kathy Eirich Humbertson "BW 75"

**Kathryn Marie Humbertson** - July 14, 2020 at 12:16 AM

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“ I graduated in 1974 from BW. I absolutely loved Mrs. Kirby. So grateful she taught all of the business/secretarial courses. Academics was not my thing but how I loved business. In fact I was awarded the business honor at graduation. Thank you Mrs. Kirby for all of the life skills and business skills you passed on to me. May the angels welcome you home!

**Anne Blanchard** - July 13, 2020 at 10:10 PM

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“ Mrs. Kirby was a wonderful Human Being. I had her as a typing teacher at BW. Believe it or not I do a little writing now and the skills she taught me have come in handy. Our Family had some fun times together with the Kirby's at Deep Creek Lake. Thanks Mrs. Kirby for all you have done for others. My prayers and thoughts are with the Family....

**Mark Stephen Dawson** - July 13, 2020 at 09:29 PM

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“ Mrs. Kirby was one of my favorite teachers at Bishop Walsh. I took many of her accounting and typing classes. In one class there were only about 6-8 of us and we really got to know each other and her. I remember her very fondly! What a great life that she led after retirement: ballroom dancing and traveling! That's so awesome! My condolences to her family and friends.  
Cheryl Riley class of 1985 Bishop Walsh High School

**Cheryl Riley** - July 13, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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“ Mrs. Ehresman was my typing teacher at Bishop Walsh. I liked her so much my junior year, I took her again senior year for Advanced Typing. I still remember so many of the little “rules“ she taught us about typing and most recently, one of my students asked me “Miss McGann, how can you type so fast?” I told him I had a great teacher! May she Rest In Peace, my condolences to the family.

**Shannon Paige McGann** - July 13, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Lina at Bishop Walsh. We worked together in the Guidance Office and she was always pleasant and professional. I appreciated her support and mentoring. She was an amazing woman! Rest In Peace, Lina.

**Susan Cioni** - July 13, 2020 at 08:59 PM