



Iris Schilling Kennedy

September 10, 1949 - September 5, 2025

Iris Jane Schilling Kennedy, age 75, born in Franklinton, LA, a resident of Stateline Community, died on Friday, September 5, 2025 at North Oaks Medical Center in Hammond, LA. Iris was a devoted wife to her husband of 53 years, Richard Kennedy, and a loving mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt. A faithful member of Stateline Baptist Church for more than 50 years, Iris came from Grace Baptist Church in Franklinton, LA where she often played the piano.

Iris fulfilled the role of a Deacon's wife and was a Christian role model. She was also a prayer warrior who was not afraid to speak about the Lord. Iris loved her Sunday School class and had a close relationship with class members. She loved to sing in the Stateline Church Choir.

Iris was very organized and made lists for the members to volunteer for meals during Revivals and during times of death in the Church. She was also in charge of the Bible School refreshment food list for many years and created specialty items that would relate to the subject of that day's lesson. She was a great cook who never failed to prepare dishes for the sick and shut-in.

Iris graduated from Franklinton High School and Southeastern Louisiana University where she received her BA Degree and Masters Plus 30. She spent 33 years teaching in the Washington Parish School System, beginning at Varnado High and finishing at Pine High School. Iris enjoyed teaching

young people and influenced many lives. She was pleased when many times former students would reach out to her sharing memories of when they were in her class.

Iris was an avid quilter and enjoyed seeking out shops, locally and in the mountains, to buy special materials, often theme fabric, to create a unique quilt for a loved one. She was proud of ribbons won on quilts entered in the Washington Parish Fair. Iris loved the mountains and enjoyed visiting Tennessee and surrounding areas, especially in the fall.

Iris is survived by her husband, Richard; son Jonathan (Alisha) and daughter ChrisAnn (James) Parker; grandchildren, Christian and Nathan Kennedy, Caleb Kennedy, and Madison Parker, Justin Mullins (Amber), Jacob Norville (Savannah), and Kyle Parker; brother, Otho (Deb) Schilling, Jr., and sister-in-law, Sherry Schilling; as well as nieces, nephews, and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otho and Christine Thomas Schilling, brother, Roy Schilling, and sister-in-law Cheryl Schilling.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton) on Sunday September 7th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Visitation will continue Monday at Stateline Baptist Church (31384 Hwy. 62, Franklinton, LA 70438) from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. A funeral service will be held in the church at 11:00 am Monday with Bro. Matt Williams and Bro. Trey Jenkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Seal Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations, honoring her life, to Stateline Baptist Church at the address above.

Pallbearers: Caleb Kennedy, Christian Kennedy, Nathan Kennedy, Tate Kennedy, Brandon Schilling, Cole Schilling

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Suzette Carter lit a candle in memory of Iris Schilling Kennedy*



Suzette Carter - September 10, 2025 at 11:29 AM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Iris Schilling Kennedy*



Susan Barber - September 09, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JK

“ *Love You Mom!!!*



Jonathan Kennedy - September 08, 2025 at 07:49 AM

MW

“ *Ms. Kennedy was an awesome person and even better teacher for me growing up. She encouraged us to work hard and be the best you could. Prayers for the family during these special times.*

Michael Williams - September 08, 2025 at 07:41 AM

JK

“ My sweet cousin whom I loved and looked up to as a child her and Richard may God bless you all

jane thomas king - September 07, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JM

“ Jonathan, I remember your mom as a young child. We grew up a block from one another. We rode the same school bus. She had a little friend, named Pauline that lived nearby. Since I was two years older, like seven to her five, no way we could play in the same circle. Ü Different worlds! LOL She was always sooo sweet, and kind of bashful. I am not surprised that she grew up to become such a Godly woman. She was so kind as a child. I am sorry for your loss. I know your heart is filled with wonderful memories. May Iris rest in sweet peace and may God comfort her entire family. My prayers.



Judy McCasland Micelle - September 07, 2025 at 12:37 PM

SC

“ Iris and I became friends when we were commuting to Southeastern La University many years ago. Through the years we lost track but would occasionally meet up and visit like yesterday. She was foremost a Christian, lived her Christianity and always a true lady. Prayers for Richard, her children and grandchildren.

Sally Champagne - September 07, 2025 at 11:58 AM

CO

“ Mrs Iris taught me at Varnado High School. She was nice and wanted her students to succeed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. Carmon Boone OBryant. 🙏🙏

Carmon O'Bryant - September 07, 2025 at 08:38 AM

BJ

“ *Betty Stringfield Jones lit a candle in memory of Iris Schilling Kennedy*



Betty Stringfield Jones - September 06, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Iris Schilling Kennedy.*



September 06, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Iris Schilling Kennedy.*

September 06, 2025 at 02:08 PM

LP

“ *When I think of Iris, I think of egg custard pie. She made the best. I also loved that she would bring fresh flowers from her garden for her desk at school. Iris was always kind to everyone. Rest easy my friend.*

Lawana Penton - September 06, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JK

She Loved Teaching with you!! Thank You 🙏

Jonathan Kennedy - September 06, 2025 at 04:46 PM