Mary Alice Morrissey was born July 16, 1919, in Bloomington, Ill., the daughter of John Francis and Alice Elvin Morrissey. She graduated from Trinity, now Central Catholic High School in Bloomington, Ill., and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education at Illinois State Normal, now Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. She earned a Master of Science degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois in Champaign. She taught more than 50 years in high schools across southern Illinois—Woodland, Melrose Park, Wethersfield, Kewanee, Stonington, and Moweaqua. During her career, she made several trips to Europe as a chaperone. She was a member of St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Moweaqua and was active in the church’s Rosary Society and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. She was also a member of a dinner group, started in Kewanee in the 1950s. The last time she and the group met was for her 97th birthday in Montezuma, IA in 2016. She is survived by nieces and a nephew: Jean Busto of Montezuma, Katherine (Charles) Nold of Onoka, SD; Jack (Colette) Morrissey of Lenexa, KS, and her sister-in-law, Jean Morrissey of Montezuma. Her brother, John Morrissey, died in 2009.

Memorials may be made to St. Francis De Sales Church in Moweaqua or the charity of your choice.