



## Aukje "Alice" Lewis

September 30, 1952 - March 17, 2021

Aukje "Alice" Lewis, 68, of Rensselaer, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in Lafayette, Indiana. Alice was born in Broek Op Langedijk, Netherlands on September 30, 1952, the daughter of John and Clara (Vaartjes) Dirkmaat.

Alice graduated from Union High School in Grand Rapids with the Class of 1970. She married Randy D. Lewis on September 18, 1976 in Grand Rapids, MI, and he survives her.

Alice enjoyed being a homemaker and taking care of her family. She attended Grace Fellowship Church of Demotte. She was a past member and Sunday school teacher at St. John Lutheran Church. In the past, Alice enjoyed participating in the Rensselaer Bowling League. She also spent some time as a Travel Agent and received joy in planning trips for travelers. Alice was a Teacher's Assistant for Rensselaer public schools as well and was the bookkeeper for RDL Trucking.

Alice is survived by her mother, Clara, husband, Randy, daughter, Barbara (Adam) Barten of Rensselaer, granddaughter, Ava Barten, sister, Irene (Duane) Brechting of Grand Rapids, MI, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alice was preceded in death by her father, John, sisters, Clara Joan Dirkmaat and Diane Mary Dirkmaat, and brother, William John Dirkmaat.

Friends may call at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM CST. The funeral service will be held immediately following visitation at 11:00 AM CST with Reverend Melvin Lane officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions in honor of Alice may be made to the Jasper County Prairie Arts Council.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
info@jacksonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 27.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAR 27.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Aukje "Alice" Lewis



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - March 23, 2021 at 11:19 AM

JH

Wonderful life💕💕

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**joanne Hieshetter** - March 24, 2021 at 06:06 AM

MB

*Dear Randy,Barby,Adam &Ava*

*Gecondoleerd met het verlies van Aukje.*

*Van Clara en Irene hebben we gehoord hoe het allemaal is gegaan, het is niet te bevatten. Dan is het jammer dat je zover bij elkaar vandaan bent, en elkaar niet even vast kunt houden*

*en tot steun zijn. Wij hopen dat jullie deze harde klap met elkaar kunt verwerken en tot steun te zijn.*

*Zijn dankbaar dat Aukje de Goede man in jou heeft getroffen, weten zeker dat zij een Fijn Goede (schoon) Moeder en een Hele Lieve Oma was.*

*Wij wensen jullie heel veel Kracht en Sterkte om dit verlies met elkaar te delen.*

*Veel liefs,*

*Gaitske & Maarten*

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**Marten Gaitske Beneker** - March 26, 2021 at 03:14 PM

IB

“ Hey Auk,

*I ask myself why everyday!*

*If I had a chance to have shared something at your funeral I would have read this!*

*I still Can't believe its been 1 year since you've been gone? A lot of people's lives came to a halt that day. I never truly imagined that you would die! I asked if I should come and (you said )I'll be alright just stay with Duane.*

*Love you 🥰❤❤*

*Well*

*I think that's the hardest part of this to grasp. You're gone forever. No more laughs, no more talks about our kids and grandkids, no more talks about our mom, no more anything. I only seen you occasionally, but I still hear your voice and see your name on our game challenges, in my text and in my contacts. I go to play a game, but know you won't answer back.*

*I look back on our childhood and all of the silly things we would do together. Catch those mini frogs, go to the y, and Richmond Park. When you were in high school and I was just a middle school kid, we shared our clothes, you'd let me hang around and even go get gas at the gas station with you. Best place ever, that's where you introduced me to Duane! Thank you. The pictures of us going down a slide when I was just a little girl and you were holding on to me for dear life. The endless times we shared baths as little kids, I still have those pictures too.*

*Even as I grew up and our lives began to part into two different worlds, I married first, you were my maid of honor! Then you got married and moved to the country in Indiana. We still seen each other often, 3 hours was not very far. I will never forget the moment*

*you held my first born, your eyes lit up. Something sisters don't always share, is watching the birth of a child but you were determined to stay in Grand Rapids when my 3rd was about to arrive.. You said you could stay 2 more days or you had to go home. That was already waiting a week. He came and I got to share one of the most precious moments with you. You held him first.. So special, I can close my eyes and always see that memory.*

*I knew you wanted to be a mom so bad. ..You adopted a beautiful baby girl and it was a blessing from God. She was so tiny and you were a wonderful mom. There are many memories I won't forget and I see you in them. One of the last times I had seen you was at one of my grandkids birthdays at Kevin's house and you were a bit over whelmed with all the busyness. You shared some of your secrets with me, and I with you. We weren't necessarily close all the time, but we didn't need to be. We always had time to listen to each other.*

*You know how it is when you lose someone, the stage of regret and the feeling that you could have done something more, it never really goes away. I tried to get there, I was to late, I hope that feeling goes away.. What if I could have got there and talked to you once more? What if we could have figured more things out? What if, what if,*

*Now I stand alone, I was a middle child,, then a youngest child, now an only child!*

*I will miss you every single day, and wish you were still here. But you will always be my big sister. I love you with all of my heart and I will see you again someday.*

*Your little sister, Irene💔*



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Irene Brechting - March 17, 2022 at 12:41 AM

FF

“ Cara jo, Clara, & family,  
So very sorry to hear of your loss! We know how special Alice was!  
Praying for your family, may your precious memories help you  
through this difficult time! We love ❤️ you so much!

Fred & Dawn Host & family - March 28, 2021 at 08:57 PM

KN

“ Kris Nethercutt and Leighanna Nethercutt  
purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the  
family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.



Kris Nethercutt and Leighanna Nethercutt - March 26, 2021 at  
04:11 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.



March 25, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.



March 24, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.



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March 23, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - March 23, 2021 at 11:13 AM

JH

*What a wonderful life story of Alice! God bless your family in this time of sadness and loss. My prayers are with you.*

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**joanne Hieshetter** - March 24, 2021 at 06:10 AM

JO

“ Randy, Barb & family...I was so saddened to hear of your loss. Alice was such a sweet gal & was friends with so many. We shared many fun bowling stories! She always had that beautiful smile and something new to share . May you find comfort in your beautiful memories. In sincere sympathy...Janice Odom



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**Janice Odom** - March 22, 2021 at 02:08 PM

FC

“ Fran Chamberlain lit a candle in memory of Aukje "Alice" Lewis



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**Fran Chamberlain** - March 20, 2021 at 05:55 PM

MC

“ Randy, Barbie, Tante Clara, Irene and Duane, we are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Aukje was such a kind, gentle soul and she will truly be missed. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. We are sad to hear this news but have many good memories, and pray that you and your families will be comforted by many special memories too.

*Our love and condolences  
Cousin Miranda Wiering Cronheim and Pete Cronheim*

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**Miranda Cronheim** - March 19, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.*



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March 19, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Aukje "Alice" Lewis*



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**Glen and Linda Wood** - March 19, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.*



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March 18, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Kathy Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Aukje "Alice" Lewis*



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**Kathy Wilcox** - March 18, 2021 at 08:04 PM

LN

“ *Linda Bennett & Cassi Naden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.*



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**Linda Bennett & Cassi Naden** - March 18, 2021 at 06:20 PM


RM

“ *Randy, so sorry to hear about Alice. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Rita Mitchell-Junk** - March 18, 2021 at 05:58 PM

 Doutje  
Wester

“ *Lieve Aukje. In 2001 waren wij in Amerika en jij reed ons naar New York en Canada met Ome Jan en Tante Clara. we hebben veel gelachen onderweg met elkaar, vooral om het raampje van de auto wat niet meer dicht ging. Na veel vragen aan iedereen lukte het uiteindelijk toch. Het was gewoon ( Push the button) . Dat was lachen en als ik aan je denk dan zie ik dat weer voor me. Het was een mooie tijd met jou. Je blijft in onze gedachten. Love You.*

*Doutje en Theo*

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**Doutje Wester** - March 18, 2021 at 05:26 PM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Aukje "Alice" Lewis



Greg Kaufman - March 18, 2021 at 05:19 PM

MJ

“ Lieve aukje, ik moet denken aan de keren dat we in amerika waren. De laatse keer 3 jaar geleden. Toen hebben we elkaar gezien aan de lake bij Irene. Wat hebben we het toen leuk gehad. Love you.

Monique Jonker - March 18, 2021 at 04:47 PM

PA

*Deepest sympathy to all for your loss. Prayers and strength*

*Patty (Van Howe) Michalowski*

patty - March 18, 2021 at 05:10 PM

PA

*Deepest sympathy and  
Prayers to all  
Patty(VanHowe) Michalowski*

patty - March 18, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Aukje "Alice" Lewis.



March 18, 2021 at 04:41 PM