



## Charlotte Joy Stowers

August 18, 1941 - September 6, 2013

Charlotte Joy Stowers of Rensselaer passed away September 6, 2013, at the age of 72, following a year long battle of lymphoma. Joy was born on August 18, 1941, to J. Truman and Iris (Davis) Sell.

Joy graduated from Morocco High School in 1959 and graduated Indiana State University in 1963. In 1987, Joy completed a Master's degree from Valparaiso University.

On June 7, 1964, in Brook, IN Joy married Manly Stowers.

Joy taught in South Newton Schools for over 15 years, primarily as band director. Joy was a very active member of Brushwood United Methodist Church, where she served as an organist, Sunday school teacher, and choir director. She also worked as a substitute teacher, and band volunteer. Joy founded the Newton-Jasper Community Band in 1985 and remained involved with the group even after having a stroke in 2011. She kept a busy schedule into her late 60's and impacted the lives of hundreds of students over the years. She enjoyed watching sports with her family, particularly Butler University Basketball.

Joy is survived by, her loving husband Manly Stowers, a daughter Karen (Wayne) Williams of Rensselaer, two sons, Mel Stowers of Rensselaer, David Stowers of Fishers, IN, two sisters Carole ( Robert) Unger of Harrisburg, PA ,

Carmen (Hermann) Kuebitz of Poway, CA, a brother, Jim (Joanna) Sell of Avon, IN and her father -in-law Max Stowers of Rensselaer.

One of Joy's special honors in life was being Grandma to Kristen, Nicholas and Ryan Williams, all of Rensselaer.

Joy is preceded in death by, her parents, a sister Marcia (Sell) Scott, mother-in-law Lurette (Harrington) Stowers, and two brothers-in-law.

Memorials may be made to the Brushwood United Methodist Church Women and/or the Joy Stowers Scholarship fund by procuring the proper envelope at Jackson Funeral Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (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>

## Service

SEP **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

DW

“ *It's hard to say goodbye to such a wonderful person, who has touched so many lives.*

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**Donna Sam Walk** - September 17, 2013 at 12:29 PM

 Stephanie Davisson

“ *I will always have good memories of Joy Stowers in my own life and also through my children's. She was a gift to all of us, and will be dearly missed.*

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**Stephanie Davisson** - September 11, 2013 at 09:11 AM

JA

“ *Joy has been a wonderful friend for over 50 years. She was the picture of lovely Christian womanhood. Besides being an exceptional singer and instrumentalist, she was always an encourager and giver. I love her, and I will miss her.*

*Janet Armstrong*

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**Janet Armstrong** - September 11, 2013 at 08:12 AM

SR

“ *Mel, David and Karen I feel extremely blessed for having known your mom. She set a great example for all of us to follow. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, your dad and family.*

*Sincerely,  
Steve Ruppert*

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**Steve Ruppert** - September 10, 2013 at 09:51 PM

LK

“ Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Joy Stowers



Larry and Judy Koebcke - September 10, 2013 at 08:15 PM

NC

“ Mrs. Stowers had such a tremendous impact on me as a student. She always encouraged me and made time for me. She often went beyond the call of duty, even transporting me to music lessons as my skills progressed. She inspired me to practice hard and even try my hand at other instruments. I couldn't name a more giving, selfless person, and I can't imagine what my life would have been like without her in it. My prayers are with her family and all of the lives she has touched.



Natalie Clark - September 10, 2013 at 06:46 PM

MM

“ Mike And Mary Molenaar lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Joy Stowers



Mike and Mary Molenaar - September 10, 2013 at 12:56 PM

GK

“ Joy was such a loving, giving, Christian lady - what a fine example she has set for all that knew her. She instilled the love of music in so many - a gift that will always live on. .Our thoughts and prayers go out to Manly and all the family. God Bless. George & Joan Kanne



George & Joan Kanne - September 10, 2013 at 09:18 AM

MT

“ Joy was always helping others! She devoted her life helping others develop an on going love for playing music. Joy was an amazing wife, mom, teacher, and Christian. Heaven's gain will certainly leave a large void. She will be missed. My prayers are with all of you.

Matthew Taylor - September 09, 2013 at 10:44 PM

CZ

“ Cindy Ziese lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Joy Stowers



Cindy Ziese - September 09, 2013 at 06:14 PM

CZ

Great memories of Joy, she introduced me to Brushwood when I was a kid. She would pick me up and take me to church and to bible school! So many great memories of her and the family! She will be missed. Love you all!

Cindy Ziese - September 09, 2013 at 06:16 PM

MC

“o sorry for your los we went back to when we were kids in 4 h her sis Marcia her and I had great fun also my Dad estil chapman worked for her Dad she loved young people then and she will be remembered by children she touchedthrough out her life Marcia carlson

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**marcia carlson** - September 09, 2013 at 06:04 PM

EG

“ E. Joan Gutwein lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Joy Stowers



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**E. Joan Gutwein** - September 09, 2013 at 03:21 PM

LW

“ I remember making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with her homemade jelly for the Rensselaer marching band. I am so glad we shared that time together so I could know her a little bit more. She was a very giving woman and seemed to go non-stop. Can't imagine music in Rensselaer without her. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mel, David and Karen, especially. with love, Laura Wagner

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**Laura Wagner** - September 09, 2013 at 01:33 PM

SK

“ *Manly and family sorry to here about Joy. She will be missed by everyone who knew. Once again please accept my condolences Manly.*

*Your friend,  
Susan Klahn*

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**Susan Klahn** - September 09, 2013 at 01:07 PM

PH

“ *Manly I was so sorry to hear about your wife's passing....love and prayers to you and your family.....Pat Wright Hogle*

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**Pat Hogle** - September 08, 2013 at 04:32 PM

MJ

“ *has we did a class with her at brushwood i always remember her saying i did not get the pages of the bible read we were in a class read the bible in 90 days. we would all say that is ok she knew more then the rest of us by all means. she shared a bithday with our son and proud that they did. on family fun night she would take him and off to the august table they would go. she had a precious gift of music and we all thought of her has a special angel send by God. She will be missed by us. we send some big hugs to all of her family. May God give all of you the strengh to go on. remember the good times you had with one special lady Love to all of you Lee , Morey, Shawn and Marcia Johnson.*

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**Morey Johnson** - September 08, 2013 at 02:53 PM



“ Manly, Karen & Wayne, Melvin, David, Kristen, Nick, and Ryan, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I send my love as memories of Joy are flooding me. She has been a dear and close friend for almost 40 years. Early in our friendship we had fun visiting and sharing amidst the work of shucking and freezing loads of corn Manly delivered. We tried to find tasks for the six children to do as they played and ran in & out of the house. She and Dorothy Torbet taught me to clean large quantities of asparagus in the washing machine. On Halloween we would dress up the kids and drive to houses occupied by people whom Joy had identified as ones who would enjoy seeing the children. Every Christmas Eve I still think of Joy and miss her delivery of homemade warm cinnamon rolls. But mostly I miss our heart-to-hearts, shared tears, shared laughter, and prayers. She was a woman of deep faith who loved the Lord, loved you her family, loved the church, and loved ministering to others through music and in practical acts of helping. Joy was honest and forgiving. I will miss her presence here on earth.

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**Diane Dickerson Hogsett** - September 08, 2013 at 02:35 PM

AL

“ I am so very grateful to have known such a wonderful person! Mrs. Stowers will be missed so very much! I'm so glad that she let me play the Bass Clarinet. Changed my life forever! God Bless the Stowers' family....



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**Allison** - September 08, 2013 at 02:13 PM

MR

“ Joy was always such a positive presence even in the face of her own adversity. Her love of music, and her willingness to share it with others, touched the lives of many people. Joy's passing will be a distinct loss for many of us. My condolences to those whom she has left behind. May your memories console you in this time of grief.

*Marilyn Renner*

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**Marilyn Renner** - September 08, 2013 at 01:04 PM

SD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Joy's family at this time... She was an amazing person, and I feel blessed to have known her...I can close my eyes and see her playing for the early service at Brushwood... her smile was a comfort, and her music was an inspiration... Heaven has gained a special angel.

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**Sharon Davidson** - September 08, 2013 at 09:10 AM

CR

“ Crystal lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Joy Stowers



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**Crystal** - September 08, 2013 at 07:59 AM

DT

“ joy played the piano for our wedding. i tried to pay her and she would not accept. she was truly a kind hearted person and always said hi.

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**dawn thomas** - September 08, 2013 at 07:00 AM

Tom  
Ream

“ *Manly and family - May God bless and uplift your family in this time. Many prayers have been offered for all of you. Joy was such a blessing to so many people and truly an example of a Godly woman. I pray God will surround you with his love and peace in the days ahead. IN CHRIST. Pastor Tom*

Tom Ream - September 08, 2013 at 05:31 AM

OA

“ *Otis & Zofia Anselm lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Joy Stowers*



Otis & Zofia Anselm - September 08, 2013 at 05:21 AM

JA

“ *Manly and the entire family - you are in our prayers during this difficult time. I only knew Joy for a few short years but truly appreciated how wonderful a person she was and the tireless effort she gave into everything she did. May you all be guided and supported by God's angels during this time of loss and know she's smiling down from above as a member of God's eternal band.*

*Janet*

Janet - September 07, 2013 at 11:28 PM

AS

“ Mrs. Stowers was such a lovely lady, truly a gem. Now she shines upon us from heaven. Praying for comfort and peace for the entire Stowers family.



Amy, Paige and Sam - September 07, 2013 at 10:23 PM

MW

“ Joy was a wonderful woman and so good heart my prayers are with the family. may god help you through this time in need.??

mark and stacy waling - September 07, 2013 at 10:01 PM

MW

“ Prayers go out to the family. She was a great woman and loving person. may god be with the family

mark and stacy waling - September 07, 2013 at 09:37 PM

CR

“ My thoughts & prayers are with the family!!

Crystal - September 07, 2013 at 09:09 PM

KW

“ Manly, so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.



Kathy Wilcox - September 07, 2013 at 06:34 PM

SB

“ Joy was a wonderful woman, who truly lived a servant life. She gave to her church, to her community, and to her fellow man. I never once heard her say a discouraging word. She was a teacher, a loving mother and grandmother, and a friend to many. I am proud to have known her.



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**Steffany Brandenburg** - September 07, 2013 at 04:59 PM