



## Denise Marie Torbet

November 16, 1939 - May 24, 2025

Denise Marie Torbet, age 85, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2025. She was born on November 16, 1939, to William and Dorothy (Enright) Shindle. She was later raised by Lois McCleary.

A proud graduate of Rensselaer High School, Class of 1957, Denise went on to pursue her passion for education at St. Joseph's College, where she earned her bachelor's degree. She later earned her master's degree from Valparaiso University. On November 5, 1958, she married the love of her life, Kenneth "Leroy" Torbet, who survives.

Denise dedicated 36 years to shaping young minds as a first grade teacher, leaving a lasting impact on countless students. She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church and generously gave her time as a hospice volunteer for several years. She especially loved sharing coffee and conversation with her close circle of friends. Above all, Denise cherished her role as a devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Leroy; her children, Steve (Cheryl) Torbet of Rensselaer and Brenda (Jeff) Pass of Hebron; grandchildren, Kabe, Brynlea, Rylan, Logan, Matt, and Lindsey; and great-grandchildren, Briella, Brock, Everett, Hadley, Elise, and Olivia. She is also survived by her brother, Dick

Shindle of Tennessee, sister-in-law, Donna Moore, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Denise was preceded in death by her parents, William and Dorothy Shindle; her sister, Joan (Albert) Robbins; her beloved son, William "Bill" Torbet; father and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Dorothy Torbet.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A funeral service will follow at 12:00 PM with Tammy Culp officiating. Interment to take place at Memory Gardens, Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions may be made in Denise's memory to Rensselaer Central Primary School, to benefit the first-grade class she loved so dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 9:00 AM - 12:00 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>

## Funeral

**MAY 31.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Denise Marie Torbet

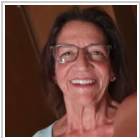


Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 30, 2025 at 12:05 PM

AK

What a wonderful lady! She was my 1st grade teacher and one of my favorites, I will never forget her. I loved how she always remembered me and would talk with me when I would see her out and about. She will be missed but not forgotten!!

Amy Kohlhagen - May 31, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady!



Barbara Miller - June 03, 2025 at 02:08 PM

SJ

“ From the Lockard's



Scott Lee Lockard Jr - June 01, 2025 at 02:26 AM



“ *Janice Hopkins Malchow lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



Janice Hopkins Malchow - May 31, 2025 at 11:37 AM



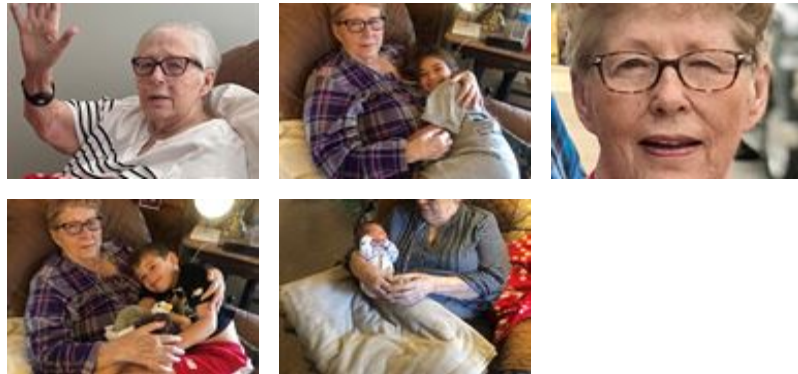
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Denise Marie Torbet.*



May 30, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *91 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 30, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Marie Torbet.*



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May 30, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ *Bob And Helen Pass lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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**Bob and Helen Pass** - May 29, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *Denise was such a special friend and teacher. Our times together will last forever in my memory. So sorry for youvall. Love, Betty Dawson and Tanny*

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**Betty Dawson** - May 29, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. She was special*



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**Chuck and Jackie Malchow** - May 29, 2025 at 12:35 PM

JS

“ *Jim Steiner lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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**Jim Steiner** - May 29, 2025 at 09:04 AM

HR

“ *It's been a long time since I went to the Ramey reunion. I remember how sweet Denise was. She made me feel like I belonged.*

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**Heather Ramey-Maze** - May 28, 2025 at 07:59 PM

DW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of you. May the love of God be with you during this trying time. Don & Gloria*



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**Don & Gloria Waymouth** - May 28, 2025 at 07:08 PM

JS

“ *Judie Steiner lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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**Judie Steiner** - May 28, 2025 at 04:37 PM

PK

“ Patricia Korniak lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet



Patricia Korniak - May 28, 2025 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ Denise, Leroy and Joan began as South Barkley grade school friends and have remained special to me. My sincere sympathy to Steve and Brenda and their families. □

Judy Smith - May 28, 2025 at 11:15 AM

CS

“ Cindy Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet



Cindy Sheffer - May 28, 2025 at 10:41 AM

BP

“ Bob & Heidi Phillips lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet



Bob & Heidi Phillips - May 28, 2025 at 08:47 AM

CV

“ *Clay Vass lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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**Clay Vass** - May 27, 2025 at 10:12 PM

NJ

“ *Neth Jackson lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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**Neth Jackson** - May 27, 2025 at 09:28 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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**Judy Burvan** - May 27, 2025 at 08:59 PM

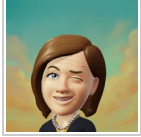
LM

“ *Lori Prohosky Mattos lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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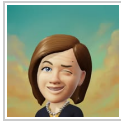
**Lori Prohosky Mattos** - May 27, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ Verla Custer lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet



Verla Custer - May 27, 2025 at 07:49 PM



*I have great memories of time spent with family which included LeRoy and Denise and playing with their kids as we visited our grandparents basically next door. Blessings to you LeRoy, Steve, Brenda and families.*

Verla Custer - May 27, 2025 at 07:52 PM

CV

*I agree with Verla. Prayers of comfort and healing to all whose lives she touched. -Clay*

Clay Vass - May 27, 2025 at 10:11 PM

EG

“ RIP Mrs. Torbet.  
Elaine Gembala



Elaine Gembala - May 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM

DS

“ She was a wonderful teacher and lady . Rest in peace. Sending prayers to the family!



Donna Sullivan - May 27, 2025 at 06:55 PM

DW

“ *Doug & Kathy Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



Doug & Kathy Wilcox - May 27, 2025 at 06:03 PM

LE

“ *Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



Lynda Edwards - May 27, 2025 at 05:54 PM

RL

“ *Rich & Sue Ludington lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



Rich & Sue Ludington - May 27, 2025 at 05:43 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



Martha Langley - May 27, 2025 at 05:41 PM

DB

“ *David And Kim Berenda lit a candle in  
memory of Denise Marie Torbet*



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**David and Kim Berenda** - May 27, 2025 at 05:40 PM