



## Gwen M. Potter

September 4, 1940 - November 1, 2021

Gwen M. Potter, 81, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on November 1, 2021 in Lafayette, IN at Franciscan East. Gwen was born in Rensselaer, IN on September 4, 1940, the daughter of Floyd and Gwendolyn (Kannal) Meyers.

Gwen graduated from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1958 and then graduated from St. Joseph's College with her Bachelor's Degree in 1963. She went on to earn her Master's Degree from Indiana State University in 1967. Gwen became an educator at Brook High School and South Newton High School, teaching French and English. After her teaching career, Gwen worked as an Advertising Agent at the Rensselaer Republican newspaper for over twenty years. On August 23, 1964, she married John Douglas Potter in Rensselaer, IN and he passed on March 27, 2015.

Gwen was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Tri-Kappa Sorority, the Ladies Literary Club, and the Historic Preservation Association of Jasper County. She was also a founding member of the Fendig Summer Theatre for Children.

Gwen is survived by her children, the Honorable John David (Michelle) Potter of Rensselaer, IN and Lynn Elizabeth (Frank) Wotell of Orland Park, IL; grandsons, Grant and Wesley Potter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and three grandchildren, Ruth, Emmett, and Elliott.

Friends may call on the family on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A private graveside service will be held with Dr. Anthony Butler officiating.

\*\*\*Due to COVID-19, masks WILL be required at these services\*\*\*

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in Gwen's memory to the Fendig Theatre for Children by going to [www.FendigTheatre.org](http://www.FendigTheatre.org) or mail to Fendig Theatre for Children, 503 S. Melville St., Rensselaer, IN 47978.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 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](mailto:info@jacksonfuneral.com)  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall

SE

“Gwen was my neighbor, friend, and playmate growing up in Rensselaer. Scarcely a day has gone by these seventy plus years later that I haven't thought of her. I'm grateful for the memories.

Susan Rishling Emetti - November 05, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“John and Lynn, my sincere condolences on the passing of your mother and my cousin Gwen. She was a great lady. I shall miss her. My prayers also for all of you with her passing. I'll send a donation to the Fendig Theater for Children.

Frank Shirer - November 05, 2021 at 01:25 PM

PM

“I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. I remember going to your parents house and they were both so nice to me. She will certainly be missed.

philena mead - November 05, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwen M. Potter.



November 05, 2021 at 12:38 PM

CS

“ Always enjoyed playing bridge with Gwen. Have fun memories of New Year's Eve parties with Gwen and John.

Cathy Salyers - November 04, 2021 at 10:41 PM

HL

“ Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter



Homer and Theresa Lakin - November 04, 2021 at 09:23 PM

SW

“ Sarah Waples-Jones lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter



Sarah Waples-Jones - November 04, 2021 at 06:11 PM

NS

“ Class of 1958 sends deepest sympathy to the families of Gwen.. She was a wonderful classmate to all...

Norma Schultz - November 04, 2021 at 11:55 AM

DR

“ I have great memories of Gwen. She was a great friend to me and my husband, as well as , to my husband’s family.



Dorothy Rishling - November 04, 2021 at 10:21 AM

GW

“ Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter



Glen and Linda Wood - November 04, 2021 at 09:41 AM

PB

“ Penny Joe Bardoczi lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter



Penny Joe Bardoczi - November 04, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ I met Gwen when she was working for Rensselaer Republican. She was such a kind and thoughtful person - a real lady.



Doris Hammersley - November 04, 2021 at 05:23 AM

GE

“ So sorry for your loss, there is happy reunion happening in heaven.  
Just remember the good days.

*Gabe*

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**Gabriel Edwards** - November 03, 2021 at 09:54 PM

J2

“ Jewel 2488 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket  
et for the family of Gwen M. Potter.



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**Jewel 2488** - November 03, 2021 at 08:58 PM

DH

“ Donna Hickman lit a candle in memory of  
Gwen M. Potter



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**Donna Hickman** - November 03, 2021 at 08:19 PM

DF

“ Diane Fish lit a candle in memory of Gwen M.  
Potter



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**Diane Fish** - November 03, 2021 at 07:01 PM

DF

*Gwen was a vital part of our Beta Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa. With sympathy, Diane Fish*

**Diane Fish** - November 03, 2021 at 07:02 PM

AP

*I loved working with Gwen at the paper. She was a kind loving person. Thoughts and prayers for your family  
Anita Padgett*

**Anita Padgett** - November 04, 2021 at 09:16 AM

KC

“ *Condolences to John, Michelle and family. She was a grand lady who will be greatly missed in the community.*



**kendell Culp** - November 03, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Kimberly Grow lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter*



**Kimberly Grow** - November 03, 2021 at 05:44 PM

GM

“ Was in school with Gwen all twelve years, and the half year we attended Ball State. Seems like a very long time ago. Gwen went on to get her teaching degree at St Joe. John and Lynn, you had a wonderful mother. Prayers for all of you.



Gail Mitchell - November 03, 2021 at 04:40 PM

MO

“ Mitch Ockermann lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter



Mitch Ockermann - November 03, 2021 at 03:41 PM

MO

My condolences to John and Lynn. Prayers to you. 🙏

Mitch Ockermann - November 03, 2021 at 03:44 PM

MM

“ John, Lynn and families:  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I worked with Gwen for many years at the Republican. She was an awesome person. --  
Marcia Mathew

Marcia Mathew - November 03, 2021 at 03:06 PM

J2

“ *Sending prayers from your pharmacy family at Osco 2488*



Jewel 2488 - November 03, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwen M. Potter.*



November 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

PH

“ *From Monnett Kindergarten we grew up together, her melodious laughter, big personality and intellect adding joy to our lives. Peace to your family and to you Dear Gwen. Phil Hayes*

Phil Hayes - November 03, 2021 at 01:02 PM

PS

“ *You are in our prayers*



Pam & Ray Saltsman - November 03, 2021 at 12:38 PM

TS

“ *Traci Shelmon lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter*



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**Traci Shelmon** - November 03, 2021 at 12:31 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter*



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**Martha Langley** - November 03, 2021 at 11:28 AM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Gwen M. Potter*



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**Judy Burvan** - November 03, 2021 at 10:54 AM