



Jacqueline S. Ritchie

May 31, 1953 - February 19, 2024

Jacqueline S. Ritchie, born on May 31, 1953, in Gary, IN, passed away on February 19, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was the cherished daughter of Jack and Dorthea (Rogers) Simms. Jacqueline graduated from Wirt High School with the Class of 1972, later pursuing her passion for nursing at St. Joseph's College and Purdue University.

On January 8, 1972, in Gary, IN, Jacqueline exchanged vows with her beloved husband Truman Ritchie, who preceded her in death on February 3, 2021. Jacqueline dedicated over 30 years of her life as a registered nurse at the former Jasper County Hospital, where her compassion touched countless lives.

A devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church, Jacqueline found solace and joy in her involvement in the church choir. She also had a deep love for literature, often found engrossed in books, and found peace in playing the piano and indulging in music in general.

Jacqueline leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, survived by her children, David (Jolie) Ritchie of Demotte, IN, Jennifer Ritchie of Valparaiso, IN, and Caitlin Brumley of Rensselaer, IN. She was a proud grandmother to Zachary, Alissa, Michael, and Alison. Jacqueline is also survived by her siblings, Patricia Simms of Brookfield, IL, Rosemarie Simms of Merrillville, IN,

and Jill Pena of Brookfield, IL.

Preceding Jacqueline in death are her beloved parents and her husband, Truman.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 10 AM to 12 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer, followed by a memorial service at 12 PM, officiated by Reverend Michelle Bartel. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to the St. Jude Hospital for Children or Autism Speaks in Jacqueline's honor, as she had a heart for helping those in need. Jacqueline's memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, as she leaves behind a legacy of compassion, faith, and love.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer
220 N. Cullen Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-7005
churchoffice@firstpresrensselaer.org
<http://www.firstpresrensselaer.org/>

Memorial Service

MAR 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Jacqueline S. Ritchie*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 01, 2024 at 02:11 PM

DT

“ *Dave and Heather (Stone) Thielen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacqueline S. Ritchie.*

Dave and Heather (Stone) Thielen - February 29, 2024 at 11:28 AM



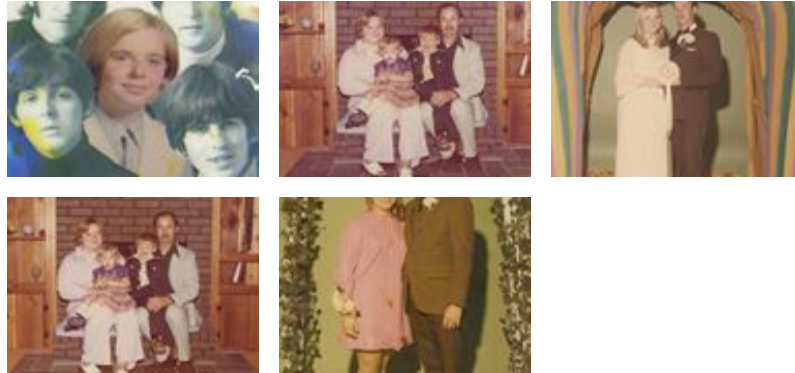
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jacqueline S. Ritchie.*



February 29, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 27, 2024 at 10:46 AM

DF

“ With sympathy--she was a long time fellow employee from JCH and one to be counted on. *Diane Fish*

Diane Fish - February 24, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JM

“ *Janice E Mercer lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline S. Ritchie*



Janice E Mercer - February 24, 2024 at 12:13 PM

JM

I met your Mom & Dad many years ago when they came to the dental office where I worked. Your mom always had a wonderful smile and was such a lovely person. It was an honor to know her and your dad. Sending comfort and prayers at this difficult time.

Janice E Mercer - February 24, 2024 at 12:17 PM

LD

“ I have so many good memories of Jacki and Truman from working with the youth group at the Lake Village Presbyterian Church years ago. She was such a good friend. All of your family will be in our prayers during this difficult time and longer. Love you Jennifer, David and Caitlyn!

Linda Driinski - February 23, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DE

“ I met Jacki back in the 1970s when we were in high school. I met her through my sister Linda.. Jacki worked at MacDonaldis and we would go there for lunch. She was such a a sweet lady. I pray the Holy Spirit comforts her family during this sorrowful time. God bless you all and peace be with you. We shall see you again sometime soon Jacki. We love you!



Debby - February 23, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DB

“ So sad to hear of Jackie’s passing. She was a great nurse, a good Christian but her greatest quality was the love she had for her family that she shared with all. God bless her and keep her at his side.



Donna Bailey - February 22, 2024 at 11:30 PM

NB

“ My heart breaks for all of you and your children, grandkids of Jackie. Your family has a special fondness in my heart. Fun and loving memories at Lake Village Presbyterian Church. Truman and Jackie always lifted my spirits. Our deepest condolences. Nancy and Ron Bonaguro, Christina Bonaguro and Bethany (Josh) Schoon

Nancy Bonaguro - February 22, 2024 at 11:51 AM

PW

“ We were so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, Dave! You, and your family, have our deepest sympathies! Jody and Peter

Peter and Jody Watkins - February 22, 2024 at 10:46 AM

DB

“ Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline S. Ritchie



Deric and Mindy Beier - February 21, 2024 at 11:06 AM

SL

“ Jackie was a wonderful nurse, mentor, and all around great human being. I am so sorry for your loss.



Shannon (Daniels) Lucas - February 20, 2024 at 10:39 PM

TE

“ I worked with Jacki at JCH for several years and then we followed each other on Facebook. Please accept my deepest sympathies.



Terry - February 20, 2024 at 09:34 PM

LE

“ I worked with Jackie at Jasper County Hospital for several years. She was always so kind and took great care of her patients. My condolences to her family. She will be missed.



Lynda Edwards - February 20, 2024 at 08:20 PM

GW

“ Gayla Warran lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline S. Ritchie



Gayla Warran - February 20, 2024 at 07:49 PM

KF

“ I'll always have good memories of Jackie from school and later reconnecting on Facebook. My deepest condolences to her family. May she rest in peace

Kathie Felinski - February 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM

CK

“ Jacki was my BFF from 7th grade, My ride or die companion through thick and thin with countless giggles and shenanigans. Her heart was pure, always there for anyone who needed it. She had an extraordinary sarcastic wit that could crack a smile in the darkest circumstance. When I was serving in Saudi Arabia she prayed for me, checked in with me regularly and was relieved when I returned stateside and we caught up at Barnes & Nobles in Valpo for tight hugs. There are those when they pass one wonders if they made it to heaven, Jacki is for sure singing with the angels and holding hands with Truman.

collette kubota - February 20, 2024 at 05:27 PM