



Joy A. McEwan

June 25, 1940 - August 14, 2025

Joy A. McEwan, 85, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on August 14, 2025.

She was born on June 25, 1940, in Rensselaer to the late Byrom and Lillian (Lynch) Phegley and was a 1958 graduate of Rensselaer High School.

Joy dedicated more than 30 years of her life working as a nurse's aide at Jasper County Hospital, where she cared for countless patients with compassion. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and cherished time spent with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Lori (Don) Fellmy of Rensselaer; grandchildren, Alisha (Derek) Stephen of Lafayette, IN, Jennifer (Luke Zehrung) Burton of South Bend, IN, Kendra (Eric) Prater of Otterbein, IN, Shelby (McKinley) McElroy of Rensselaer, IN, and Tori (Chris) Myers of Rensselaer, IN; eight great-grandchildren; and siblings, Tom (Sandy) Phegley and Gerald (Chris) Phegley, both of Rensselaer.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved son, Jeff McEwan; and brothers, Byrom "BJ" Phegley and Jack Phegley.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer, with the funeral service to

follow at 12:00 PM CT with Pastor Dennis Morros officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 10:00 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 Service

AUG 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ Don And Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Don and Gloria Waymouth - August 20, 2025 at 12:30 PM

LR

“ Lori Rusk lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Lori Rusk - August 19, 2025 at 06:55 PM

DD

“ Debra DeButy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy A. McEwan.

Debra DeButy - August 19, 2025 at 06:20 PM

DD

“ Debra DeButy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joy A. McEwan.



Debra DeButy - August 19, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joy A. McEwan.

August 19, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joy A. McEwan.



August 19, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Rest in Peace Jim & Pat Fox



Pat Fox - August 18, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ The Robert Phegley Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joy A. McEwan.



The Robert Phegley Family - August 16, 2025 at 06:39 PM

KM

“ Such an amazing, strong woman who wore many hats in this life. I had the joy of hearing and excitement about her fun adventures in life and also having the highest honor of calling her my Aunt ❤️❤️ I'm so sorry she has gone home to rest but we will see her in sign all around us. Love you all!



Kathleen Mital - August 16, 2025 at 05:23 PM

KB

“ Kathleen, Lea, Madilynn, Bub purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Joy A. McEwan.



Kathleen, Lea, Madilynn, Bub - August 16, 2025 at 05:13 PM

LK

“ Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Larry and Judy Koebcke - August 16, 2025 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Judy Burvan - August 16, 2025 at 07:31 AM

GR

“ I’m so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mother Joy. She was a lovely nurse and great friend. □



Ginny Reames - August 15, 2025 at 08:51 PM

BG

“ Bonnie , Tim, & Gaylynn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joy A. McEwan.



Bonnie , Tim, & Gaylynn - August 15, 2025 at 05:42 PM

DF

“ Diane Fish lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Diane Fish - August 15, 2025 at 04:57 PM

GS

“ Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Gary Sheffer - August 15, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JW

“ Jill Wilson lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Jill Wilson - August 15, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JC

“ I got to know Joy when she accompanied Lori and the rest of our mission team from the Mount Airy United Methodist Church for a weeks mission trip to Henderson Settlement and Frakes Kentucky. She was truly a “joy.“ My husband and I enjoyed her company so much. My deepest sympathies to Lori And Don & family.

Jackie Corning - August 15, 2025 at 08:57 AM

CB

“ Oh my word. We are so sorry to learn of your Mother’s passing, Lori 😞 Thinking of you and your family 🙏🙏 Big hugs 💖



Chris and Bob B. - August 15, 2025 at 12:39 AM

MA

“ I will miss you my friend ☐ Mary Martha ☐

Mary Alberts - August 14, 2025 at 09:02 PM

DE

“ *In memory of Joy, a lovely woman.*



Deb Ellis - August 14, 2025 at 08:48 PM

KS

“ *I worked with Joy at JCH for many years, she was the sweetest lady! Much love,hugs and prayers for her family.*



Kellie Stuhmacher - August 14, 2025 at 07:53 PM

HL

“ *Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan*



Homer and Theresa Lakin - August 14, 2025 at 07:31 PM

CS

“ *Sorry For Your Loss Thoughts And Prayers To The Family.*



Cindy Sheffer - August 14, 2025 at 07:06 PM

TT

“ So many cherished memories of working with this wonderful woman. Now she gets to rock all the babies in heaven. Rest easy friend.



Terry Tatlock - August 14, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ I'll remember her for her smile and the pride she had in her family!



Debra Allen - August 14, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JO

“ Janice Odom lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Janice Odom - August 14, 2025 at 03:52 PM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan



Greg kaufman - August 14, 2025 at 03:21 PM

NL

“ *My dear friend & classmate, so many wonderful memories, she will be in my happy thoughts always. She has found peace in heaven...*



Norma (Sugar) Liersch - August 14, 2025 at 03:19 PM

LE

“ *Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan*



Lynda Edwards - August 14, 2025 at 03:10 PM

LF

“ *So many memories with Joy and the family!!! My Condolences to the whole family!! Joy was a wonderful sweet lady and will be missed by many!! May God Be With You All!!*



Liz Kanney and Family - August 14, 2025 at 03:08 PM

MC

“ *Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of Joy A. McEwan*



Mary Jo Casey - August 14, 2025 at 02:50 PM