



Kathy Jo Towler

October 29, 1964 - September 27, 2024

Kathy Jo Towler, age 59, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Friday, September 27, 2024. She was born on October 29, 1964, in Oak Park, IL, to Robert Towler and Kathryn Green.

Kathy was a 1982 graduate of Rensselaer Central High School. On October 17, 1992, she married James "Jim" Tucker in Rensselaer, IN, and he survives. She was the proud co-owner and operator of Janet's Kitchen, where she worked alongside her husband Jim. Prior to that, she gained valuable experience working at her family's business, Towler's Tastee Freeze, during her high school years.

Kathy had a deep love for her family and treasured the time spent with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; her daughters, Crystal (Austin) Zeilmann and Samantha (Dennis) McElfresh, both of Rensselaer; her grandchildren, Reece and Isaac Zeilmann; her siblings, Jennifer Towler of Connorsville, IN, Michael (Deborah) Towler of Rensselaer, IN, and Kent (Susan) Towler of Rensselaer, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Kathryn.

Friends may call on the family on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 10:30 AM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood officiating. Interment will follow at Weston Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Weston Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 2:00 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>

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
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Tribute Wall

RL

“ I only knew Kathy for a small amount of time after becoming a customer at the restaurant and thought she was a very kind person with much happiness. My sincere sympathy to the entire family.

Rob Luttrell - October 01, 2024 at 05:48 PM

DL

“ Doug Zirbel and Family, St. Louis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jo Towler.

Doug Zirbel and Family, St. Louis - October 01, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



October 01, 2024 at 11:20 AM

JM

“ Jason M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jo Towler.

Jason M. - October 01, 2024 at 06:56 AM

AK

“ Amanda Kerkes lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Towler



Amanda Kerkes - September 30, 2024 at 10:32 PM

ML

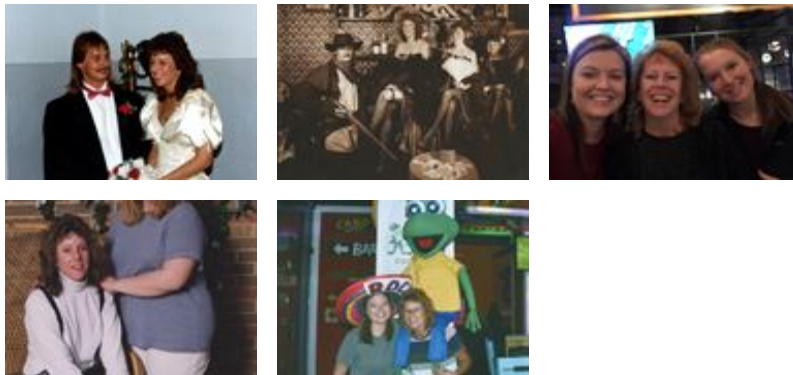
“ Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Towler



Martha Langley - September 30, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ 114 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 30, 2024 at 12:31 PM

LP

“ L. P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jo Towler.

L. P. - September 30, 2024 at 10:17 AM

LP

“ L. P. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



L. P. - September 30, 2024 at 10:17 AM

AK

“ Anne Zirbel Klapste planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jo Towler.

Anne Zirbel Klapste - September 29, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



September 29, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



September 29, 2024 at 07:30 PM

JH

“ Jessica Hayes lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Towler



Jessica Hayes - September 29, 2024 at 10:48 AM

RS

“ Always enjoyed going to Janet’s for the food & seeing Kathy. Her energy was endless & she still had time to visit with the customers. She was so proud of her girls & would catch us up on their lives & families. She will be missed. Thoughts & prayers to the family.

Ruth Swan - September 29, 2024 at 10:46 AM

LP

“ Kathy was such a sweet and friendly person. Whenever I would come up from Georgia to visit my sister, I always went to the restaurant for breakfast. Kathy always treated me as a friend, sitting down with me and visiting. I know she will be missed terribly by all who knew her. My sincerest condolences to her husband Jim and their children. RIP Kathy.

Lisa Pollock - September 29, 2024 at 10:44 AM

DZ

“ Donna Zeilmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jo Towler.

Donna Zeilmann - September 29, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DZ

“ Donna Zeilmann purchased the Mother - Angel Figurine, 8.5 in for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



Donna Zeilmann - September 29, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DT

“ Deborah Lomax Towler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



Deborah Lomax Towler - September 29, 2024 at 07:21 AM

SS

“ She was always so kind and friendly to everyone. Her smile and laugh lit up the room. Many fond memories of her at Janet's Kitchen.

Sally Snow - September 28, 2024 at 11:08 PM

JW

“ I am so sad and sorry to hear of her passing...she was one of my favorite patients. She was always fun to talk to I loved her sassy spirit! Her love for Jim and her daughters and grandsons ran deep... I am so sorry for your loss❤️ May she rest in peace,
Jodie from Rensselaer Family Dentistry

Jodie Witvoet - September 28, 2024 at 08:24 PM

AZ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Austin Zeilmann - September 28, 2024 at 08:14 PM

GK

“ Greg And Kim Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Towler



Greg and Kim Kaufman - September 28, 2024 at 07:06 PM

MA

“ Condolences to Kathy's family and friends. She was always friendly and will be missed at the restaurant.



Mary Alberts - September 28, 2024 at 05:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



September 28, 2024 at 03:30 PM

DW

“ Dave And Becky Ulm Walter lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Towler



Dave and Becky Ulm Walter - September 28, 2024 at 03:03 PM

SH

“ my deepest sympathies to all the families.



Shilrey(Anselm,)LeGrand - September 28, 2024 at 02:33 PM

MC

“ Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Towler



Mary Jo Casey - September 28, 2024 at 01:57 PM

MM

“ Mark and Tarie McKnight purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Kathy Jo Towler.



Mark and Tarie McKnight - September 28, 2024 at 01:18 PM