



## Kathy Jeanne Whitaker

February 19, 1952 - March 6, 2023

Kathy J. Whitaker, 71, a resident of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on Monday, March 6, 2023, at her residence surrounded by her family. Kathy was born in Massillon, OH, on February 19, 1952, the daughter of Joseph S. and Joanne (Swihart) Hopp.

On October 7, 1972, in Rensselaer, IN, she married the love of her life, Allen L. Whitaker, and he survives. Kathy worked as a Packer at Northway Products for twenty years. She also worked at Dollar General as a manager for eighteen years and then at Save-A-Lot as a cashier for seven years. Kathy was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church of Rensselaer, VFW Post #1279 Women's Auxiliary, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2548. She was an avid reader and liked to plant and tend to her flower garden. She really enjoyed the company of others, especially spending time with her dear friends, Roger and Pat Pullins, at their cabin at the lake. Kathy also spent a lot of time with friends, Barbara Helton and Marilyn Miller, and her sister, Debby. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Allen; son, Shane A. (Debbie) Whitaker of Rensselaer; sister, Debra (Hopp) Anderson (husband, John) of Rensselaer; brother, Joseph (Darlene) Hopp of Rensselaer; aunt, Patti Wash of Wanatah, IN, Mary (Steve) Ottiger of Navarre, OH; uncle, Frank Vaccani of Massillon, OH; one niece, two nephews, great-nieces and nephews; cousins of

Massillon, OH; dear friends, Barbara Helton, Michelle Walczak, and Marilyn Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Joanne; son, Jeffrey M. Dick; aunts, Margaret Kerstetter, Barbara Vaccani; uncles, Robert Hopp, Thomas Hopp, James Wash; in-laws, Marvin and Betty Whitaker.

Friends may call on the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM CT. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, March 10, 2023, at 11:00 AM CT at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Father Joshua Bennett officiating. Interment immediately following at Memory Gardens, Rensselaer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry of Rensselaer.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 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>

## Rosary

MAR 9. 7:30 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 Mass

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
318 North McKinley Avenue  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5351  
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of  
Kathy Jeanne Whitaker



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 06, 2023 at 04:33 PM

PA

*Kathy was a friend. She always said hi and asked how I was doing.  
She will be missed. May She rest in peace. She will be remembered*

Pauline Amsler - March 09, 2023 at 07:38 PM

DA

*Kathy was a very Special and loving person, she loved ❤️ and talked  
to everyone. She was not only my Sister, but my Best Friend too. GOD  
GAINED A SPECIAL ANGEL for sure but broke Our HEARTS ❤️❤️  
forever, We were together every day..❤️ Her Loving Sister Debby &  
Family ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

Debra Hopp Anderson - July 30, 2024 at 03:54 PM



LS

“ *Very Sad to hear of Kathy's passing 💔💔She was a very sweet and Wonderful woman and will be Missed by All💕💕*



**Lynn Standish** - March 13, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ *You was a good friend to my Mom! RIP Kathy!*



**Jim and Sandy Miller** - March 10, 2023 at 01:11 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



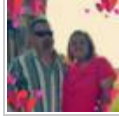
**Martha Langley** - March 10, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ *Tony & Brandy Luttrell lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



**Tony & Brandy Luttrell** - March 10, 2023 at 02:20 AM



*We will sure miss looking across the road and seeing her wave at us with her beautiful smile this spring/summer! Until we meet again neighbor....Fly high beautiful angel...You will be missed so very much!!*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Allen, Shane, Debby, and the rest of Kathy's family and friends. Please know that we are always here for you--right across the street anytime if you ever need anything-- Please don't hesitate at all!*

*Tony, Brandy, Jaiden, Shelby, and Tyler Luttrell*

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**Tony & Brandy Luttrell** - March 10, 2023 at 02:37 AM

KE

“ So many memories, so few words. 6,7&8th grade, we drove those penguins crazy!!! Loads of love and hugs to the family. May God keep her in his hands until we meet again.

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**Kathryn Urbanczyk Engstrom** - March 09, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker.



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March 09, 2023 at 11:14 AM

LK

“ Larry And Judy Koebcke lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker



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**Larry and Judy Koebcke** - March 08, 2023 at 11:19 PM

JA

“ *Janicehopkinsmalchow lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



janicehopkinsmalchow - March 08, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Donna Williams Daniels Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



Donna Williams Daniels Nemeth - March 08, 2023 at 07:29 PM

JS

“ *Kathy was such a sweet lady. Always friendly with a great smile. My sympathy to the family.*

judy smith - March 07, 2023 at 10:55 AM

SL

“ *Stan & Hedy Larson lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



Stan & Hedy Larson - March 07, 2023 at 08:48 AM

DH

“ *Doris Hammersley lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



Doris Hammersley - March 06, 2023 at 10:57 PM

TB

“ *Fly high on Angel wings my friend. Many sweet memories of us working together at Northway, having babies within weeks of each other, you writing me when I moved to Florida, etc. You will be missed Kathy 🙏💙*

Tammy Bottoms - March 06, 2023 at 09:57 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



Judy Burvan - March 06, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LE

“ *Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



Lynda Edwards - March 06, 2023 at 08:23 PM

MK

“ *Missy Tiede & Kevin Klemme lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



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**Missy Tiede & Kevin Klemme** - March 06, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DW

“ *Dave & Becky Ulm Walter lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



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**Dave & Becky Ulm Walter** - March 06, 2023 at 06:22 PM

KR

“ *I'm so sorry for yours and the families loss.*



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**Kristy Reed** - March 06, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - March 06, 2023 at 04:20 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Kathy  
Jeanne Whitaker*



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**Jerry Miller** - March 06, 2023 at 04:01 PM

CS

“ *I'm So Sorry For Your Loss Sending Prayers  
Deb And Family.*



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**Cindy Sheffer** - March 06, 2023 at 03:57 PM

RL

“ *Rich And Suzy Ludington lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



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**Rich and Suzy Ludington** - March 06, 2023 at 03:47 PM

GK

“ *Greg And Kim Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jeanne Whitaker*



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**Greg and kim Kaufman** - March 06, 2023 at 03:17 PM