



## Madalyn Ione Wood

August 24, 1932 - June 8, 2023

Madalyn Ione Wood, 90, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Franciscan Health Rensselaer. Madalyn was born in Rensselaer, IN on August 22, 1932, the daughter of Herbert W. and Loretta (Kanne) Miller.

Madalyn attended St. Augustine School, Rensselaer Middle and High School, and Saint Joseph's College. After having met in first grade, Madalyn married the love of her life, Joseph Conrad Wood, on May 22, 1976, at St. Augustine Catholic Church of Rensselaer, IN, and he survives her.

Madalyn was employed at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Rensselaer as a bookkeeper, teller, and secretary for thirteen years following high school. She graduated from St. Joseph's College in 1971, and her courses of study took her to the Precious Blood Missions in and near Santiago, Chile in 1966 and 1967. Following this, she developed a pre-school for the local area children of Spanish speaking farm workers from 1969-1982. She was known locally for her paintings, specializing in Native American portraits and Willow Slough landscapes.

Madalyn enjoyed traveling to Mexico and Canada as well as other areas in the United States. Madalyn tended many trees and wildflowers in her front yard and road ditch, and she shared these with others.

Madalyn was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church and a past member of Sigma Alpha Chi Sorority.

Madalyn is survived by her husband, Joseph, and numerous godchildren.

Madalyn was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may call upon the family at St. Augustine Catholic Church of Rensselaer on Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT. A Funeral Mass will follow at 12:00 PM CT with Father Joshua Bennett officiating. Interment at Mt. Calvary Cemetery of Rensselaer. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Second Chance Fund via Jasper Newton Foundation, to help families in need. <https://www.jaspernewtonfoundation.org/givenow/second-chance-fund/>

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JUN 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

WC

“ Dear Auntie Lyn, so sorry to hear of your sudden passing. I had just received your letter dated June 3rd. In the letter you mentioned that you were going thru your photo albums and came across photos of my family. You also mention how my mother and you became long time pen pals since 8th grade. I was about to send my response letter back to you and came across a Facebook notification of your passing. This will be my letter to you to say that even though we lost you in the present, you are now in Heaven meeting up with my mom (Joy) and my father (Ray). Heaven is rejoicing. Love you always,  
Wayne Chan  
Ontario, Canada

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**Wayne Chan** - June 27, 2023 at 08:32 AM

GK

“ George And Joan Kanne lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Lone Wood



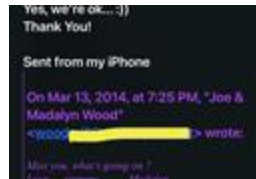
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**George and Joan Kanne** - June 15, 2023 at 10:46 AM

MR

“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Mrs. Madalyn Wood’s passing, the World’s Best Teacher that taught from the Heart. ❤️ Since my sister Nancy and I were adolescents, our mother advised us to stay in touch writing letters. Till the end, we still wrote letters and did upgrade to emails. We shared our ups and downs, our traveling adventures, our family’s well-being, the flowers blooming in season and her taking them to a local restaurant for center pieces, and much more. She ALWAYS thought about others and helping out somehow. Not only did she remember all our birthdays but also our children’s birthdays; Remarkable. I was also able to send her and Joe pictures from La Basilica Of The National Shrine Of Our Lady Of San Juan Del Valle in every season, plus videos of their Mariachi, her favorite. Prayed a Rosary 🌹 for Madalyn last night. And Pray that GOD will Grant Joe all the Strength he needs. We love ❤️ you Joe. We’re here for you.

Madalyn showed us:  
 LOVE begins in a Moment,  
 Grows over TIME,  
 and Lasts for ETERNITY. 🙏💖💖💖



Micky Rowlett - June 13, 2023 at 11:45 PM



“ *My sister and I are one of the many migrant worker's children's that she made an impact on and enriched our lives with her enormous heart and giving spirit. God surely has a special place in heaven for this Angel who gave so much of herself in her service to others. She kept in touch throughout the years and always remembered our birthdays and anniversaries. She will be truly missed. Mr Joe Wood, prayers to you as you go through during this sad time. Love you both, Nancy Galloway and Micky Rowlett.*

**Nancy Galloway** - June 13, 2023 at 12:58 AM

SL

“ *My deepest sympathy Joe, From Steve Liersch*

**Steve Liersch** - June 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM

BA

“ *So many wonderful memories together ~  
Many walks in the yard together talking about  
her flowers, drying seeds, looking at family  
pictures, eating together, you and Madalyn  
driving up for our sons graduation parties,  
many phone calls . . . so many more . . .  
We love you Joe*



**Bob and Ronda Adgate** - June 11, 2023 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of  
Madalyn Ione Wood*



**Jim & Sandy Miller** - June 11, 2023 at 12:51 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Martha Langley** - June 10, 2023 at 10:54 PM

TK

“ *Tina Kanne lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Tina Kanne** - June 10, 2023 at 01:24 PM

TK

*Many precious memories spending time on the farm.  
Joe ~Holding you close in thoughts and prayers*

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**Tina Kanne** - June 10, 2023 at 01:36 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Judy Burvan** - June 10, 2023 at 12:10 PM

JB

*I'll never forget the wonderful work she did with the migrant workers  
when they stayed at the Gehring Farms.  
She was so kind and generous. RIP dear Madalyn.*

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**Judy Burvan** - June 10, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Madalyn Ione Wood.*



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June 10, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Lolly Bruce lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Lolly Bruce** - June 10, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Brittany Jarrette lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Brittany Jarrette** - June 10, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *We women in our coffee time on Wednesday will miss Madalyn. She was a Joy to have at our get together..Blessings from Sugar.*

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**Norma Liersch** - June 09, 2023 at 11:13 PM

NL

“ *Norma(sugar) Liersch lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Norma(sugar) Liersch** - June 09, 2023 at 10:56 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Gloria Baier** - June 09, 2023 at 08:53 PM

DG

“ *Diana Gaines lit a candle in memory of Madalyn Ione Wood*



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**Diana Gaines** - June 09, 2023 at 05:30 PM