



## Marian R. Hathaway

August 21, 1935 - February 15, 2024

Marian R. Hathaway, aged 88, a resident of DeMotte, Indiana, peacefully passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Oak Grove Christian Retirement Village. Born on August 21, 1935, she was the cherished daughter of Casper and Grace (DeFries) Belstra.

Following her high school graduation, Marian ventured to Chicago, where she found fulfillment in a rewarding career in the hospitality industry. For the last 28 years of her professional journey, she served with dedication and distinction at the Westin Hotel, culminating in her role as Administrative Assistant in hotel management.

Marian's commitment to excellence extended beyond her professional life. She was an active member of First Church, where her faith played a central role in guiding her path. Her involvement in the church community was a testament to her spiritual strength and her desire to contribute positively to the lives of others.

Preceding Marian in death were her parents, as well as her husbands, Vito N. DiCugno and Ted F. Hathaway. She was also preceded by her sisters Gwen (Barney) Van Keppel and Anna Mae (Herb) Ruisard, along with three brothers, Albert K. "Bud" Belstra, Herman Belstra, and Gene Belstra.

Marian is survived by her sister, Florence "Sis" (Edward) Riley, and is fondly remembered by six step-children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Her legacy of love and family bonds will continue to resonate through the generations.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects during the visitation at First Church of Wheatfield on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, from 9:00 until 11:00 am. A funeral service will promptly commence at 11:00 am, followed by interment at Holland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Marian's name to Oak Grove Christian Village.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church  
5387 W State Road 10  
Wheatfield, IN 46392  
(219) 987-5156  
<http://www.first.church>

## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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5387 W State Road 10  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Marian R. Hathaway*

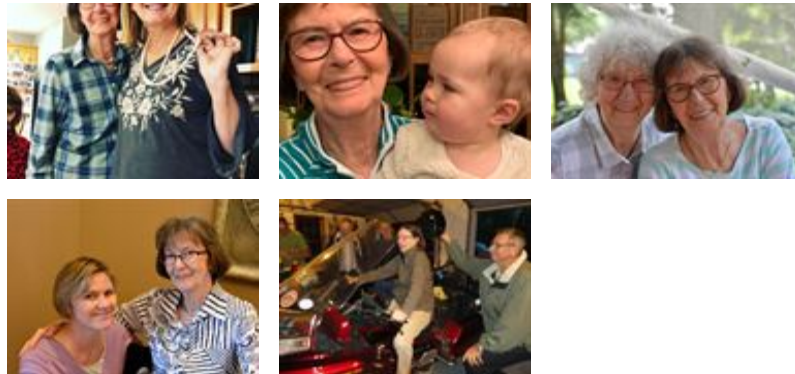


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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 16, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - February 19, 2024 at 10:07 AM

SG

“ Love was lovelier the second time around for widower Ted Hathaway and widowed Marian Belstra DiCugno, who wed in 2003. Their marriage brought the extra blessing of getting the Belstra and Hathaways acquainted. Ted and Marian became a wonderful team, sharing joys and challenges over the next 14 years, Marian's welcoming heart, caring soul and stalwart spirit touched all who knew and loved her and especially impressed them during her and Ted's greatest challenge during his last two years. Although I am so saddened by her death, it's good to know her suffering has ended. I deeply miss my treasured sister-in-law and beloved friend. Shirley Hathaway Glade

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**Shirley Glade** - February 18, 2024 at 06:31 PM

LY

“ To Aunt Marian's family & my cousins, We were so blessed to have Aunt Marian in our family, what joy she brought to us with her gentleness, laughter, generosity of home and love of our Lord. She softened us loud Italians. My husband Bruce was thrilled when we were engaged and he found Aunt Marian, another Dutch, in our family. Adored her. Ciao for now, until we meet.  
Bruce & Lynn VanderKolk



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**Lynn** - February 18, 2024 at 12:22 PM

FF

“ From The Klein Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian R. Hathaway.

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**From The Klein Family** - February 16, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marian R. Hathaway.*



February 16, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *She was everyone’s “Aunt Marian” at First Church. One of the few life long members & lived through all the changes; she seen God work as our church grew & continues to bring people closer to Jesus. And that self sacrifice of generosity & preferences for others; many new of whom she didn’t know. She was the sweetest lady you’d ever meet! Always smiling, genuinely cheerful & giving an encouraging word every time. You were so strong in faith aunt Marian & we are thankful to have known you, for the promises of eternity & the comfort of knowing without a doubt you’re living your best life now. □*

Michelle Lagestee - February 16, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ *68 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 16, 2024 at 01:52 PM

JD

“ I STILL LOOK AT MY PHONE FOR A MOVIE REVIEW FROM MARION SHE ALWAYS SENT THE BEST MOVIES SOME WE HAVE WATCHED TWICE AND WE WOULD SEND HER MOVIES WHEN WE FOUND ONE WE LIKED. SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL LADY AND VERY STRONG WE WILL REALLY MISS HER REST IN PEACE MARION

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**JOY DANCHO** - February 16, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MJ

“ She was a Highschool classmate, we shared an apartment in Chicago with some other gals from DeMotte while working in Chicago.. My sympathy to all who were her family.

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**Marilyn Jonkman** - February 16, 2024 at 10:04 AM