



Peggy Joanna Sterk

October 29, 1955 - December 24, 2015

Peggy Joanna Sterk, age 60, of DeMotte, IN, passed away Thursday, December 24, 2015 at the St. Anthony Hospital in Crown Point, IN. Joanna was born on October 29, 1955, the daughter of John Jessee and Rooney (Estes) Gaudet.

Joanna graduated from Doss High School in Louisville, KY class of 1973 and attended the Hyles Anderson College in Crown Point, IN. On August 17, 1974, in Louisville, KY, Joanna married Henry Sterk and he survives. Joanna had worked as a cataloger for Baker & Taylor in Momence, IL since 2003. She was a member of the Burr Oak Mennonite Church in Rensselaer, IN. Joanna enjoyed spending time with her family, children and grandchildren. She loved books. Above all, she loved Jesus.

Joanna leaves behind her husband Henry; children, Julie (Ronald) DeYoung, Morocco, IN, Joni (Derek) Light, Elkhart, IN, Henry JR (Traci) Sterk, Cedar Lake, IN, Holly (Jeremy) Cooper, Roselawn, IN, Carrie (Nick) Woodring, Greenwood, IN, Jessica Sterk, Crown Point, IN and Richard (Megan) Sterk, DeMotte, IN. Her father John (Barbara) Jessee, Louisville, KY, brothers and sisters, Charles Jessee and Penny (Steve) Polston both of Louisville, KY, John (Sara) Jessee, JR, Charlestown, IN, Lisa Gaudet, Jacksonville, FL, Gayle (John) Fenton, New Haven, KY and Sharron (Bobby) Neuling, Louisville, KY; sisters-in-law Carolyn (Mark) Paulson, Crown Point, IN and

Gwendolyn (Fred) S, Munster, IN; mother in law Carol Sterk, Lansing, IL; 13 grandchildren, Drake, Andrew, Gabby, Nathaniel, Lizzie, Owen, R. J., Bradley, Bekah, Lincoln, Hope, Joseph and Ruth; and a grand-dog, Thaddeus; a special niece which she loved as a daughter Annalisa (Mark) Sangiacomo, Elgin, IL and many nieces and nephews.

Joanna was preceded in death by her Mother, Rooney Gaudet .

Friends may call on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM at Jackson Funeral Service, DeMotte, IN. Services will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 12:00 PM at the Burr Oak Mennonite Church in Rensselaer, IN with Pastor Philip Leichty officiating. Friends may also call at the Church from 10 AM- 12 PM on the day of service . Interment will be held at the Burr Oak Cemetery, Rensselaer, IN.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Mountain Prayer Chapel in Branson, MO, or to the Gideon's International.

Cemetery Details

Burr Oak Mennonite Cemetery

3020 S 1150 W
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

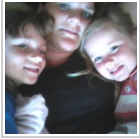
Burr Oak Mennonite Church
11506 W. CR 200 S.
Rensselaer, IN

Service

DEC **31**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Burr Oak Mennonite Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *I am sorry to hear about your mom. I jus found out. I pray God comforts in ur time of heartache.*

Mindy Hoaks-Gross - January 05, 2016 at 09:49 PM



“ *I have wonderful memories of Joanna when we were at Doss together and was very blessed to have the chance to sit down with her last summer at our reunion and talk with her at length. I love her infectious laugh and lovely smile. See you later , dear Joanna! My sympathy and prayers for all her beloved family and friends.*

Jann Kajatin - December 31, 2015 at 06:54 PM



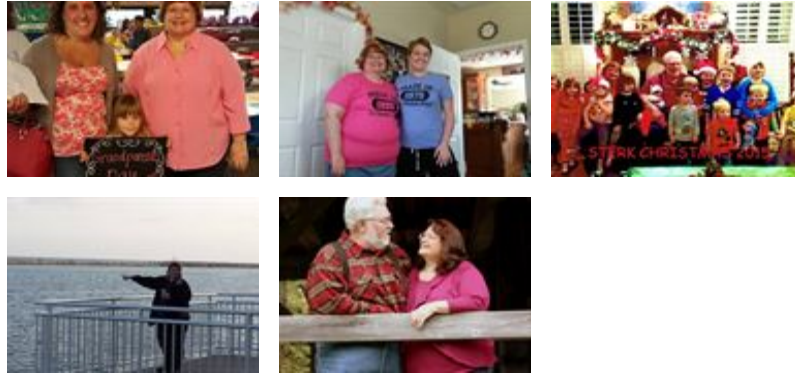
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 30, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ 175 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 30, 2015 at 01:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.



December 30, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.



December 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 29, 2015 at 11:20 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 29, 2015 at 10:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 28, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 28, 2015 at 12:10 PM

DK

“ Oh Joanna! I'm gonna miss you!

So Sorry to hear about Joanna.....She was such a sweet friend.....My heart hurts so for the family.....hold on to each other.....Deb Kraus

Deborah Kraus - December 28, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.



December 28, 2015 at 10:45 AM

KL

“ Holly, JC & family,
You are all in our thoughts & prayers! We hope you draw comfort and find peace in your memories. May God bless you all, not only as you mourn, but always!
~ Kurt & Katy



Kurt & Katy Line - December 27, 2015 at 11:45 PM

CW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Henry and family. She had a beautiful heart and hers sparkled when she talked of her family. A truly lovely person. May God wrap his loving arms around you at this time of sorrow.

Cheryl Ridder Woldhuis - December 27, 2015 at 04:01 PM

LS

*Mrs. Cooper and Family,
We are sorry for your loss.
We will be praying for you all.
Sincerely, Lori & Peter Salciunas*

Lori Salciunas - December 29, 2015 at 02:40 PM

T1

“ Henry's TF South High School Class of 1969, Lansing, IL, sends its heartfelt condolences to the Sterk family. We had the pleasure of having Joanna in our midst at several alumni events. Joanna kept in touch with us and recently wrote a loving article for our class newsletter about her family on the occasion of her and Henry's 41st wedding anniversary. Our hearts and prayers and wishes for comfort go out to our classmate Henry.

TFS Class of 1969 - December 27, 2015 at 03:29 PM

SS

“ Will miss you Joanna and your smile. I will always remember when you and family stayed with us in Mt Ayr. I know you are celebrating.

shanda shanley - December 27, 2015 at 02:18 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.



December 27, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 27, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ *She was always such a nice, and thoughtful lady. My thoughts are with the family.*

David Glenn - December 27, 2015 at 08:03 AM



“ *A wonderful niece that we never got to know so well. First we moved and then she moved but we still loved her so much. We always enjoyed the few times we were able to get together with her. Our hearts are missing a piece right now but I know I will see her again. She also belongs to our Lord and Savior.*

Aunt Katie - December 27, 2015 at 06:56 AM



What a BEAUTIFUL LADY I We know her daughter was our favorite nurse for 2 years She will be missed Our thoughts and PRAYERS are with her family Bridget and Harry Slease

Bridget & Harry Slease - December 28, 2015 at 06:04 PM

MW

“ *My prayers with you holly and the family*



Mark and stacy waling - December 26, 2015 at 10:28 PM

LE

“ *Holly & family,
Our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your
mother. Hold the memories close and they will
help to comfort you through your heartbreak.
Hugs to you.
Lisa Ekstrom and family*



Lisa Ekstrom - December 26, 2015 at 09:06 PM

WH

“ *With Love David, Jenny and Nathan Hancock
purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the
family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



With Love David, Jenny and Nathan Hancock - December 26,
2015 at 08:27 PM



“ *Rebecca Chastain lit a candle in memory of
Peggy Joanna Sterk*



Rebecca Chastain - December 26, 2015 at 08:09 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 26, 2015 at 07:27 PM



“ *Nancy Pettet- Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Peggy Joanna Sterk*



Nancy Pettet- Dunlap - December 26, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.*



December 26, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Sean and Ange (Ryan) Buck.*

Angela - December 26, 2015 at 06:43 PM

PR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.
May God provide you with peace and strength
Oscar & Pat Reyes

pat reyes - December 26, 2015 at 05:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.



December 26, 2015 at 04:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.



December 26, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the
family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.



December 26, 2015 at 03:54 PM

DP

“ David and Cheryl Phillips purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Peggy Joanna Sterk.




David and Cheryl Phillips - December 26, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ I DIDN'T KNOW MRS STERK BUT HER DAUGHTER JESSICA HAS BEEN MY HUSBAND NURSE FOR OVER A YEARSHE RAISED A VERY GOOD AND WHOLESOME DAUGHTER AND MY HUSBAND AND I JUST LOVE JESSICAMY HEART HAS BEEN ACHING SINCE I FOUND OUT AND I KNOW JESSICA AND HER SISTERS AND BROTHERS ARE HURTING ALONG WITH THEIR FATHER DICK AND I ARE SO SORRY FOR THEIR LOSS AND PRAYERS ARE SENT ---- GRACE AND RICHARD WHITE

Grace White - December 26, 2015 at 03:20 PM

 Kristie Hoffarth

“ Joanna was so special to me. She is the mom of my best friend, she is kind and so loving. She will be greatly missed. Truly someone i would like to grow up to be like.
Love Krust.

Kristie Hoffarth - December 26, 2015 at 02:57 PM

LV

“ *Expressing heartfelt sympathy and offering a prayer, that God above will comfort you and ease the loss you bear.*
"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

With deepest sympathy, Linea Valdez

Linea Valdez - December 26, 2015 at 02:21 PM



EF

“ *Sorry for your loss. Your mother is a beautiful woman. I do not know her personally, but I can tell through her smile she was a very special wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Lifting your family up in prayer. Randy, Ellen & RJ Franklin.*

Ellen Franklin - December 26, 2015 at 02:09 PM



PO

“ *Hank and family,*

We are deeply saddened for your loss. We are lifting you and your dear family up in prayer. Larry & Terry Postma.

Postmas - December 26, 2015 at 01:27 PM



DW

“ *Many prayers for your family. You are in my thoughts. Your mom was a wonderful woman. Debbie Wiseman*

Debbie Wiseman - December 26, 2015 at 01:05 PM