



## Roberta J. DeHaan

August 26, 1944 - November 15, 2010

Roberta J. DeHaan, age 66 of Rensselaer passed away November 15, 2010 at Seton Specialty Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana. Roberta was born August 26, 1944, the daughter of Cecil and Marilyn (Schaumberger) Nicodemus. She was raised in Fulton County, Indiana and attended the Fulton County schools.

She married Jim DeHaan on April 28, 1973 in New Lisbon, Wisconsin and they were blessed with one son, Eric.

Roberta and Jim lived in Nappanee until 1982 when they moved to Rensselaer. Roberta worked as a personal home care giver for several years. She began working at the Jasper County Hospital around 1992 as an aide on the third floor and later as a home healthcare aide. Roberta had a natural affinity as a care giver and was much loved by her many patients. During this time she also cared for her invalid mother in her and Jim's home for nearly 8 years. Roberta retired in early 2009 due to chronic back pain. Her nurturing instinct extended to animals and many injured and stray cats and dogs found food and shelter at Roberta's door. Roberta loved to cook and bake and was always experimenting with her own recipes. She was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer.

Surviving are her husband, Jim DeHaan of Rensselaer and son Eric DeHaan of Valparaiso, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be a time of fellowship following mass with a meal to follow.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Eric- Sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Angie Studer-Brown##imported-end##

November 20, 2010 at 10:21 PM



“ We always enjoyed chatting with our beloved neighbor Roberta, when we took our bicycle rides. All our sympathy! Please let us know if there is anything we can do.  
George, Bernice and Brian##imported-begin##George, Bernice and Brian Post##imported-end##

November 19, 2010 at 10:36 AM



“ Roberta an i were best buddies, talk on phone everyday, missing her today as much as yesterday, the most wonderful person i will ever met there will only be one Roberta her heart was gold, she touch so many elderly she took care of, as a coworker an friend no one will ever take her place in my heart rest in peace friend, god bless you Jim an Eric##imported-begin##CONNIE REYES##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 04:39 PM



“ Jim,  
Very sorry to hear of Roberta's passing and for your loss. I have many good memories of learning to fly with you and the support that she provided during that time. Prayers are for you today, old friend.##imported-begin##Eric Pletting##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 06:16 AM



“ Roberta and I worked together in HHC we we friends and kept in touch after she left HHC. Roberta will be missed by many, my heart felt sympathy goes out to her husband Jim and her family, my prayers are with you now and always.##imported-begin##Dorothy Rahmoeller##imported-end##

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November 17, 2010 at 04:33 PM



“ My heart goes out to Jimmy.##imported-begin##Nancy Pietras##imported-end##

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November 17, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ So sorry to read about Roberta. I know she was a very good nurse aide for all the years I worked with her.

God Bless,

Iva Johnson##imported-begin##Iva Johnson##imported-end##

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November 17, 2010 at 09:36 AM



“ Jim & Eric,  
We extend our deepest sympathy. Roberta always treated our son Eric with so much kindness and love. Whenever we would see Roberta in the community she would always ask about our children. We would reminisce about our boys high school basketball days. It is wonderful people like Roberta that helped shape our son during his teen years to become the man he is today. We are fortunate to have known Roberta and that she was a part of our lives. She will be missed.  
Estel & Deana George##imported-begin##Estel & Deana George  
##imported-end##

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November 17, 2010 at 08:56 AM



“ Eric, Very sad to hear of the passing of your mother. My thoughts and condolences are with you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jeremy Lane##imported-end##

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November 16, 2010 at 09:36 PM