



Velma P. Nagel

January 24, 1929 - March 19, 2024

Velma Nagel, of Rensselaer, passed away on March 19, 2024, at George Ade Memorial Healthcare. She had been in declining health for the past several years. She was born on January 24, 1929, to Clarence and Melina (Trongeau) Mathew. Velma grew up on the family farm outside of Wolcott, IN. She helped with household chores as well as tending to the garden, chickens, and livestock. Velma learned to cook and bake under the direction of her mother.

She graduated from Wolcott High School in 1947 and worked at the Wolcott Telephone Company until her marriage to Walter Nagel, Jr. on June 18, 1949. Velma and Walter recently celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary. Velma and Walter lived in Rensselaer, IN and began their family with the birth of their first son, David, in 1950. Their second son, Duane, was born in 1956.

Velma worked at the Pennington Shoe Store until she and Walter bought their farm south of Rensselaer in 1959. She then helped with the operation of the family farm, raised a large garden, cooked and baked, and was the consummate homemaker as was the tradition of that era. She always provided home cooked meals and wonderful desserts for her family and friends. Her chocolate chip cookies, chocolate delight dessert, and Christmas candy were favorites with all of the grandchildren.

Velma and Walter retired and spent many winters in Florida, and she was

active golfing, playing cards, and entertaining many friends. In her younger years Walter and Velma spent much time traveling within the U.S and vacationing with friends. They also visited Hawaii, Jamaica, California, Oregon, Canada, and Alaska.

She was a Chicago Cubs fan for life and spent many years playing cards with their monthly card club group. She was also a past member of the St. Augustine Christian Women, Bishop Dwenger Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, St. James Florida Christian Women, and Lake Placid Elks Club. Velma was preceded in death by her son, David, parents, and siblings, Laverne Mathew, Vincent Mathew, Vera Lague, Evelyn McGraw, and Alvin Mathew.

She is survived by her husband Walter, son Duane (Debra), daughter-in-law Cindy Graves, sister-in-law Rita Mathew, 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place on Monday, March 25, 2024, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM CT at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral mass will be held at 12:00 PM CT at St. Augustine Catholic Church with burial following at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Augustine Christian Women or St. Augustine Catholic School.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 9:00 AM - 12:00 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>

Funeral Mass

MAR 25. 12:00 PM (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 Velma P. Nagel*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 22, 2024 at 04:15 PM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Velma P. Nagel*



Judy Burvan - April 27, 2024 at 07:13 AM

DS

“ *Velma would help my classes at St. Joe College, teaching cards. Enjoyed the food she cooked for the various holidays. Learn to crack eggs with her at Easter. Super good friend, may she rest in peace. Dr. Gary E. Sanders*

Dr. Gary E. Sanders - March 24, 2024 at 12:01 AM

DN

“ Aunt Velma and Uncle Walter always welcomed me over to play ball or just hang out with my order cousins, Dave and Duane. Aunt Velma was a great cook with a great sense of humor. She even had a doghouse hanging next to the table, on the wall. All of the family members had their name on a cutout dog. I did notice that Uncle Walter was in the doghouse the most. It made for interesting conversation, at the breakfast table!

*Fond memories; you will be missed Aunt Velma.
God's Speed.*

Doug

Douglas Nagel - March 22, 2024 at 04:11 PM

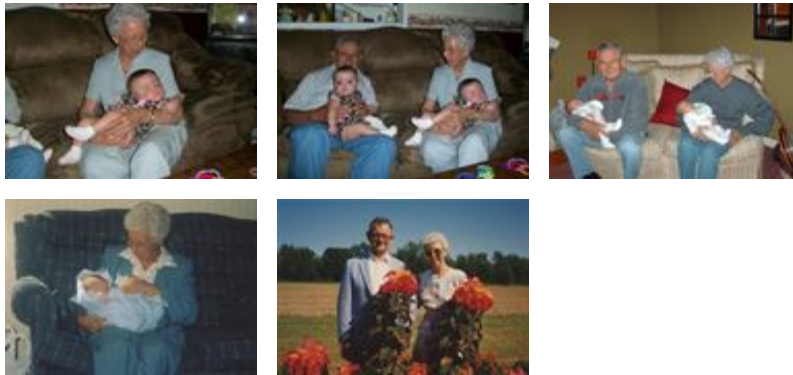
RS

“ Thoughts and prayers to your family. Thelma was a special lady and always appreciated seeing her when she came into the store. May God comfort you in your loss.

Roger and Vicki Steffen - March 22, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ 28 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 22, 2024 at 10:25 AM

MB

“ Duane,

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Myles



Myles Beeching - March 21, 2024 at 03:25 PM

PB

“ *our deepest sympathy to her family a very dear Lady+ fellow Cubs fan she will be missed from Paul+Rosie Bilyeu*

paul bilyeu - March 21, 2024 at 12:58 PM

KH

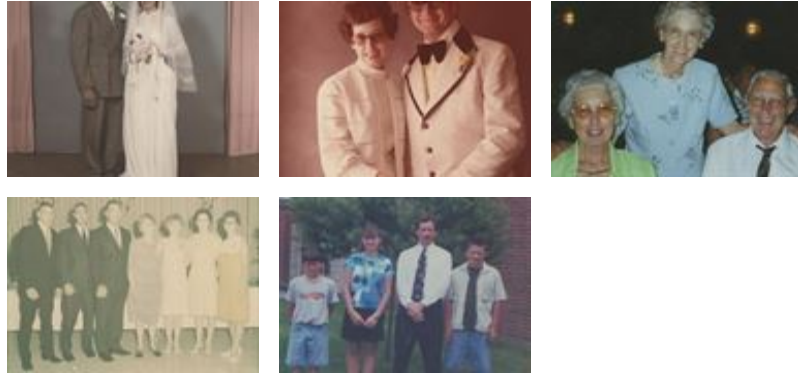
“ *May the Lord hold you in his arms.*



Kim Hudson-Nagel - March 21, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 21, 2024 at 12:34 PM

DC

“ oh my peanut how much I'll miss you 😭 many prayers sent to the family ☐👉



dalton davis, cna - March 21, 2024 at 07:29 AM

MS

“ My condolences Duane. Your parents were the best & a true testament of a loving marriage & strong Catholic faith. Prayers for your dad & all your family.

Mary Ann (Walter) Stockberger - March 21, 2024 at 02:08 AM

JR

“ Joey Raavel lit a candle in memory of Velma P. Nagel



Joey Raavel - March 20, 2024 at 08:33 PM

SM

“ Steve Miller lit a candle in memory of Velma P. Nagel



Steve Miller - March 20, 2024 at 06:15 PM

DE

“ Deb Ellis lit a candle in memory of Velma P. Nagel



Deb Ellis - March 20, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JS

“ Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of Velma P. Nagel



Judy Siegrist - March 20, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma P. Nagel.*



March 20, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Julie and Joe Sutton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velma P. Nagel.*

Julie and Joe Sutton - March 20, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Diana Steve Gaines lit a candle in memory of Velma P. Nagel*



Diana Steve Gaines - March 20, 2024 at 11:20 AM



Aunt Velma, all I can say is how loved you were by our family! My life will be forever changed because of the love you gave me. Mom told me once you were as close to her as a sister could be. I know the hole in the heart that is left with your family, as I have that hole also. Forever in my heart, now rest in the arms of our Lord!!❤️💔😭

Lana Studer - March 27, 2024 at 10:29 AM