



Joyce Ann Messersmith

March 3, 1950 - October 31, 2024

Joyce Ann Messersmith, 74, of Evansville, passed away at her home on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Joyce was born in Evansville on March 3, 1950 to the late Linus and Helen (Folz) Schenk. She was a longtime member of Resurrection Catholic Church and worked as a teacher for the Diocese of Evansville at Holy Redeemer School for almost 30 years, where she was proud to have been nominated for Teacher of the Year. Joyce spent one year at the convent in Ferdinand contemplating religious life prior to enrolling at Indiana University. While at IU pursuing her degree, Joyce worked at the local K Mart where she met her eventual husband, Ron Messersmith. She later earned her Masters in Education from the University of Southern Indiana. Joyce loved her flowers and enjoyed traveling, especially spending time at the beach and family vacations. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband Ron and they had visited almost all 50 states. Joyce also enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events and for over twenty years she and Ron had season tickets to the Evansville Philharmonic.

Surviving Joyce are her husband of 50 years, Ron Messersmith; children, Kurt Messersmith, Kelly (Jeremy) Salee and Kyle (Kara) Messersmith; siblings, Donna (Tim) Mitchell, Sharon (Steve) Muensterman, Kathy (Dan) Schenk and Dan Schenk and seven grandchildren, Jada Paul, Colton Salee, Evan

Messersmith, Carter Salee, Cody Messersmith, Nora Messersmith and Myles Messersmith.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Jerry Pratt and Rev. Raymond Brenner officiating. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Monday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:30 AM until service time on Tuesday at Resurrection Catholic Church, 5301 New Harmony Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Catholic Church or the family suggests you use the money to take a trip with your family as Joyce would want.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Ann Messersmith*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 04, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Ann Messersmith.*

November 07, 2024 at 05:24 PM

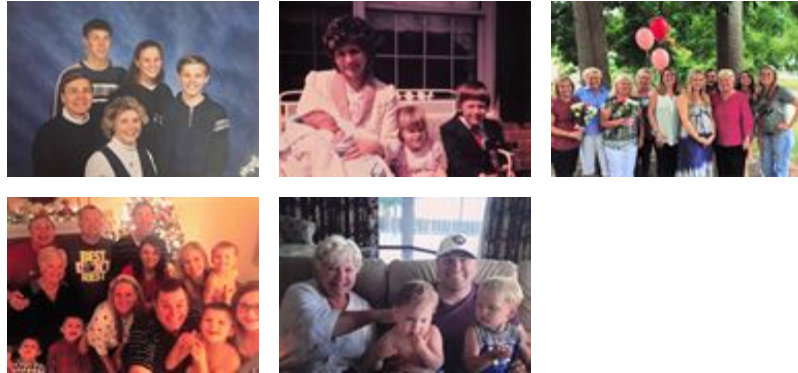


“ *I will always treasure the grape salad recipe she gave me over 16 years ago at the baby shower for Kelly when she was pregnant with Colton. I greatly appreciated the times she came to the United Methodist Youth Home and helped wrap Christmas presents for the youth. She had a beautiful heart for others! Prayers and thoughts for the entire family.*

Deshay Mwlton - November 05, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 04, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ *Lauren and Jimmy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joyce Ann Messersmith.*



Lauren and Jimmy - November 04, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ *Bryce and Nikki Mitchell purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joyce Ann Messersmith.*



Bryce and Nikki Mitchell - November 04, 2024 at 08:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Messersmith.*



November 04, 2024 at 07:54 AM

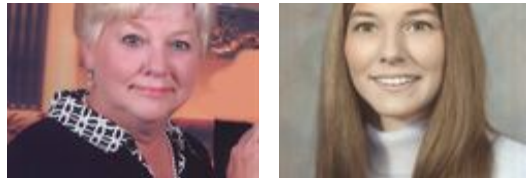


“ *I remember Joyce when she was in the convent at Ferdinand in 1968. It was a joy to know her. Sr. Ann Marie Howard*

Ann Howard - November 03, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - November 02, 2024 at 05:28 PM



So, Joyce worked with my mom (Delores Black) at Atlas Van Lines for a short while. My mom loved her and often commented that Joyce was "an angel on earth". I know (through my mom) that Joyce was an incredibly kind person who changed the world in her own special way. I am so sorry for your loss. Linda (Black) Temme

Linda Temme - November 03, 2024 at 10:46 AM

SM

MY SISTER, JOYCE 3/3/1950 - 10/31/2024

I have three very "special" sisters but today i want to focus on my sweet sister Joyce. Joyce was a very special sister. We enjoyed a lot and laughed a lot.

When Joyce cam home from IU she told me about a young man she met at Kmart and she was going to marry him. I had to keep asking her "now what is his last name". MESSERSMITH she said. After a few asking's I finally remembered it. Ron & Joyce were married this year for 50 years.

Steve & I took a lot of trips to Rough River with Ron & Joyce. Waking up in the mornings at Rough River Joyce always had a pot of coffee brewing. Boy was that Delicious!

It was fun seeing her kids learn to water ski and yes Joyce was also skiing. We have a lot of memories going on our trip out west in 1994 with Ron & Joy and their kids.

Our last trip at Disney World was in 2019 (5 years ago) when we were celebrating my husband, Steve, 70th birthday. This was around the beginning of Joyce's illness. She was able to walk around Disney World but couldn't go on the rides. I told Ron & Steve to go on the wild rides and Joyce & I would sit and people watch. I enjoyed that time with her.

At Thanksgiving at my house for years Joyce would make our mom's delicious thanksgiving dressing. Mom had the best dressing ever. When Joyce's illness started Donna and I realized that Joyce had a hard time making the dressing, so we put our aprons on and we are now trying to make "mom and Joyce's dressing".

They both had a love for traveling and Ron would try to take a vacation once a month. Right up to Joyce's passing they had gotten back from another vacation in Florida. He would pack Joyce up and off they went. Florida vacations about 4 times a year, Mackinaw Island last month and a lot more trips was planned.

Joyce loved Christmas and all year round she has five Christmas trees in her house and her musical clock is always playing Christmas music during the day.

It's a cheerful house to enter and candy always on her living room table for everyone to enjoy.

She loved plating flowers around her house and gazebo and looking at her lake. She just loved life. Joyce was so proud of her children and grandchildren and loved each one so much.

JOYCE, I KNOW YOUR HOME IS NOW IN HEAVEN AND YOUR PAIN IS NOW OVER, BUT I'M STILL GOING TO MISS YOU HERE ON EARTH.

Love your sister Sharon

Sharon Muensterman - November 05, 2024 at 10:05 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Mssersmith was one of my elementary school teachers back in the early 2000s. She always had a smile and was very welcoming. As a teacher myself, I can truly appreciate how much she cared about us and everything she did.

Maddie Lueken - November 02, 2024 at 02:41 PM

LW

“ Love, Carol and Richard Will purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Ann Messersmith.



Love, Carol and Richard Will - November 02, 2024 at 12:05 PM

LW

“ Love, Carol and Richard Will planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ann Messersmith.

Love, Carol and Richard Will - November 02, 2024 at 12:05 PM

CF

“ Dear Ron and Family, I am so sorry for your loss.
Eternal rest grant unto Joyce, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Cathy (Wellmeier) Funkhouser - November 01, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Messersmith.*



November 01, 2024 at 06:53 PM



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“ *Ron, We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

*Sincerely, Mrs. D. Michael (Dianne) Dean
Dr. Darren Dean*

Dianne Dean - November 01, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ *As a close friend to Kyle, I want to celebrate Joyce as the loving and caring mother she was. When you were a guest at the Messersmith house, you were a part of the family. She even made sure that we always took our vitamins at the breakfast table. Joyce's voice could be heard loud and proud at every soccer and basketball game. She provided so many positive memories - ones that I'll always appreciate and cherish.*

-Logan

Logan - November 01, 2024 at 11:04 AM

YS

“ Your coworkers at SRG planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Ann Messersmith.

Your coworkers at SRG - November 01, 2024 at 05:48 AM

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“ Your coworkers at SRG purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Ann Messersmith.



Your coworkers at SRG - November 01, 2024 at 05:48 AM

PS

“ To the Messersmith and Schenk families: We were so sadden to hear about the loss of Joyce. What a sweet and wonderful lady. May God give the families the strength to go on as I know she would want them to. Wonderful memories are Gods gift to us. May Jesus, Mary, & Joseph bless you on this difficult journey.

God bless,
The Pat Singleton family

Patricia Singleton - October 31, 2024 at 10:24 PM

RN

“ Kathy, Dan and family, So very sorry for the loss of your sister. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Cherish your memories.

Ron and Reatha Nurrenbern

Ron and Reatha Nurrenbern - October 31, 2024 at 10:11 PM

LH

“ Dear family of Joyce—

Joyce and I were classmates at St Boniface grade school before Resurrection opened their grade school. We were friends then and then reconnected at Mater Dei high school. I remember going to her childhood home during those years. We lost contact as I moved away from Evansville after college. Glad Joyce became a teacher for her career! I do remember Joyce being on the MD reunion committee a couple of times! She lived a full life especially in her travels!

May she now rest eternally in the peace of our Lord and Savior. She was a good and faithful servant while on this Earth.

Linda (Waterman) Huebschman

Linda K Huebschman - October 31, 2024 at 06:57 PM