



## Kathleen Martha Wittgen

July 29, 1948 - October 7, 2025

Kathleen Martha “Kate” Wittgen, 77, of Evansville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the West River Health Campus.

Kate was born on July 29, 1948, in Evansville, to the late Richard and Gertrude (Wipf) Emge. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart Grade School and a 1966 graduate of Mater Dei High School. In her younger years, Kate worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Lloyd Helm and later retired from Welborn Clinic after 25 years of service there. While working at Welborn Clinic, Kate was the supervisor of hospital billing and the Personnel Projects Coordinator, organizing group activities and decorating Christmas trees for each of the departments during the holidays.

Kate was an active and faithful member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, where she was inducted into the Brute` Society of the Diocese of Evansville for her service to the church. Kate served as the president of the parish council for two years, was a Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister, decorated the church for holy day celebrations and also served as the parish secretary for many years.

Kate loved to host family gatherings. She loved Christmas family get-togethers, as well as hosting Easter egg hunts for the kids and Saturday night poker games.

Surviving Kate are her husband of 32 years, Bob Wittgen; son, Sean (Cara) Bornefeld; grandchildren, Trevin, Christian, Kaleb, Ashlyn, and Claudia and three great grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters, Sue (Robert) Berry, Barbara (Allen) Rexing; sisters-in-law, Tanya Emge and Sheila Emge, nieces, Diane, Lori, Sarah, Natalie and Evelyn and nephews, Wayne and John.

In addition to her parents, Kate was preceded in death by her sisters, Sr. Judith Emge, OSB and Mary Pat Smead and brothers, Charles Emge, Richard Emge, Walter Emge, Melvin Emge and David Emge.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 13, 2025, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Rev. Theodore Tempel officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 9:00 AM until service time on Monday at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 5528 Hogue Road, Evansville, IN 47712.

Kate's family extends a special thank you to Louis Seib and the staffs of West River Health Campus and Compassus Hospice for all of their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Corpus Christi Catholic Church or Mater Dei High School.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
5528 Hogue Road  
Evansville, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

LA

“ *First knew Kate as Kathy. Mary Pat, her sister, was a good friend of ours and I remember visiting the Emge house while in high school. Her son and our son were in cross country together and she was a surrogate mom when we couldn't make the meets. Over the years when we met she was always cheerful and happy. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out her family and many friends. PAX TECUM, Kate! Vaya con Dios, mi Amiga! Leonard "Larry" and Carolyn Adams (Knapp)*

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**Leonard R. Adams** - October 13, 2025 at 10:01 AM

KS

“ *Bob I am so sorry for the loss of your sister and Kate. It was my pleasure to know both you and Kate while I worked at the clinic. May God be with you through this time of loss.*

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**Kathleen Silver** - October 12, 2025 at 10:50 PM

JB

“ *Bob, I'll always remember Kate at Welborn Clinic as she was in charge of scheduling medical lunches. Her kindness and her warm smile were her trademark. Kate always had that beautiful smile at Corpus Christi. God called her home and took away all of her pain and worries. You and Kate had a wonderful life together. I'm a better person having known Kate initially at Welborn Clinic and Corpus Christi. May God continue to bless you in these coming days. Kate's journey through life has now led her home to be with her fellow Wildcats with God.*  
*Jon Black*

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**Jon Black** - October 12, 2025 at 09:14 PM

TE

“ Tanya Emge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Martha Wittgen.

Tanya Emge - October 11, 2025 at 06:04 PM

TE

“ Tanya Emge purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Kathleen Martha Wittgen.



Tanya Emge - October 11, 2025 at 06:04 PM

LH

“ Bob, I am so sorry to hear of Kate's passing. I ask God to bless her, and Him to hold you in the palm of his hand at this difficult time.

Larry Head - October 10, 2025 at 07:56 PM

LS

“ I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to Kate's family. She is a MD classmate. Sister Laura Marie Schmitt

Laura Marie Schmitt - October 10, 2025 at 10:26 AM

PE

“ Bob, I'm sorry to learn of Kate's passing. May God Bless her Spirit and comfort all of you during this difficult time.

PeterSwaim - October 09, 2025 at 02:57 PM

TT

“ Deepest condolences to Bob and family. Sending love and prayers.  
Tammy Thompson former coworker at CVS pharmacy.

TAMMY THOMPSON - October 09, 2025 at 01:54 PM

KE

“ Kate was one of the first people I met when I joined Welborn Clinic in 1987. She was immediately kind and funny to this 17-year-old then. Now at 56 I still will always be grateful for her kindness. Working with her was a joy. Bob and Sean I will be praying for you now and the days ahead.  
Much love, Kristi Eggers.

Kristi Eggers - October 09, 2025 at 09:28 AM

SH

“ So sad to hear this news. “Kathy” was such a special person. May she rest in peace. Blessings and love to Bob and all of her family and friends. The class of 66 will miss her so much. I am so sorry that I cannot attend her services. Prayers & Love to all.  
Sister Ann Francis Hillenbrand

Sr Ann Francis Hillenbrand - October 08, 2025 at 09:10 PM

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LK

“ My sincere sympathy to Bob, Sean, and the EMGE family. I will always remember “Kathy “ as the person along with Randa Smith that was the keeper of all things MATER DEI class of 1966. Such a fun person  
So glad she got to help us celebrate 50 year reunion. I know she and Randa will be cheering us on for our 60th next June. Rest in peace Kathleen your battle is won  
Sincerely  
Linda (Paul) Koressel & Dave Koressel  
MD class of 1966

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**linda koressel** - October 08, 2025 at 07:54 PM

BR

*I know Randa will be waiting for her with. Monopoly board and Mater Dei pom-poms in hand 🤗*

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**Barbara Rexing** - October 10, 2025 at 07:30 AM

GT

“ Kate was one of a kind and was always giving to others. The world was a better place because she was in it. Her laughter was so heart warming. She was truly one of the most loving and caring people I was blessed to know. I will miss her terrible. I am sending prayers of strength for Bob and the entire family for this sad journey.

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**Gayle Turi** - October 08, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MB

“ Bob, I am so sorry for your loss. Kate was such a sweet and fun lady. Loves chatting with you all at the Wittgen reunions. Please accept my condolences. 🙏

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**Mary Rose Blankemeier** - October 08, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry for Kate’s passing she was a great person. I worked with Bob for many years and I know he will miss her greatly they were blessed to be together so long sincerely Diane

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**Diane Schreiber** - October 08, 2025 at 06:12 PM

TS

“ This is so sad to hear. I met with Kate at Welborn Clinic. Along with her clinic responsibilities, she was in charge of the personal club of which I was a part of. We had so much fun planning the parties! She was an awesome person. Friendly, bubbly personality. She will be greatly missed.

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**Tracy Schimmelman** - October 08, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DE

“ Bob and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Kate. She was beautiful inside and out. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Debbie Ellison** - October 08, 2025 at 05:04 PM

KW

Bob, just so sorry to hear about the passing of your love. Always remember you and Kate in church sitting behind us. Kitty Weber

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**kitty weber** - October 12, 2025 at 02:50 PM