



Jane T. Waters

September 29, 1951 - October 21, 2019

Jane Teresa Waters, 68 of Bluffton, passed away on Monday morning, October 21, 2019, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Jane was born on September 29, 1951 in Bluffton to Clemen F. & Martha Jane (Kelly) Smekens. She graduated from Bluffton High School in 1969 and retired as a teller for Old First National Bank in Bluffton, where she worked for over 24 years.

Jane attended Hope Missionary Church where she served in the worship team and enjoyed playing the drums for services. She was a former member of Psi Iota Xi and the Wells County Chorus.

Jane married Gregory K. Waters on November 17, 1984.

Survivors include her husband Greg of Bluffton along with a daughter, Sara L. (Ryan) Miskin of Elgin, S.C. and two grandsons, William & Alexander Miskin.

Jane is also survived by two brothers, John Smekens of Troy, Ohio and Michael "Mike" Smekens of Bluffton and a sister, Susie (Gary) Studebaker of Tampa, FL. and a sister-in-law, Barbara Smekens of Bluffton.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joel (Joe) T. Smekens.

Funeral services for Jane will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday (October 26, 2019) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Gary Aupperle officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling Hours will take place from 2 to 8 on Friday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorials may be made in Jane's memory to Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 25. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

OCT 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jane T. Waters*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 25, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ *Jane T. Waters*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I was sorry to learn of the loss of Jane. I did not know her well, but she was a friend and co-worker of my sister, Karen Shaw Smith. She had a friendly personality and will be missed.*
Sharon Oswalt Curtis

Sharon Curtis - October 29, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Waters and Smekens families, Such a sad time for so many. You've had a tough couple of years. MORE than tough.*

Some of my earliest memories of Jane are of her having the coolest blue "big girl" bike while I was still on training wheels, her incredible John Lennon impression, and her talent of banging those drums to the latest Beatles albums. I also recall your swimsuits on the clothesline continually. It seemed you were allowed to go to the Psi Ote every day! How awesome!

Among Janie's other talents was pointing out to me that "Smekens" can nearly be spelled the same frontward and backward!

So many good memories of Jane (and Joe). Thinking of you all and wishing you God's peace and comfort in the days ahead. Cherish the memories. Valerie and Doris Ann Wilson

Valerie Wilson Jackson - October 27, 2019 at 03:31 PM

BG

“ Greg and Sara,
I was so saddened to learn of Jane passing. She was one of the finest people in Wells County! Remembering when she worked at the Old First Bank and she would always have a smile for the customers. Her smile is what I will remember so well. Her eyes seemed to smile also. My thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time. "Janie" was a true jewel!
BJ Gray



BJ Gray - October 26, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 24, 2019 at 12:13 PM

BH

“ Greg, Kathy & I send our deepest condolences in the loss of your lovely wife.
Our prayers are with you during this time.

Kathy Terlizzi & Bonnie Harris

Bonnie Harris - October 23, 2019 at 01:23 AM

MS

“ Greg & Sara,

We are so sad to hear of Jane's passing. We had some good times together and made some good memories. You are in our prayers.

Mark & Diane Smith - October 22, 2019 at 08:36 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



michael smekens - October 22, 2019 at 04:17 PM

MP

“ Jane...such a sweet quiet gal with a beautiful smile. You will be missed greatly. Will miss you at the Class of 1969 luncheons. Prayers for peace, comfort, and strength for Greg, Sara, and all the family.

Martha Poling - October 22, 2019 at 04:05 PM

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“ So many memories, especially from school. We played the sax together and competed in contests in Ft Wayne. We always tried to see who could squeal our sax the loudest..laughed so hard! Will miss that beautiful smile!! My sincere thoughts and prayers for family..and all who was touched by her loving ways!! Kathy Hier (Hankins)



Ksthy Hier (Hankins) - October 21, 2019 at 08:05 PM