



Kathleen Ann Hershey

September 16, 1955 - July 27, 2021

On Tuesday morning July 27, 2021, at 3:08 am, Kathleen Ann Hershey passed from this life, her eyes opened onto her Savior's face, and she heard him say, "Well done my child, you have fought your fight, you have kept your faith, you have finished your race. Welcome home, my good and faithful servant!" Born in Anderson, IN, on September 16, 1955, to George Earl Armstrong and Judy (Ursula) Marie Riggs, Kathy was the youngest of three children. Some of Kathy's fondest childhood memories were spending time with her best friend Janey Gustin and the entire Gustin family, and her summers as a counselor at Camp Crosley in North Webster, IN. A graduate of Madison Heights High School, Kathy was a life-long Pirate. She met her high school sweetheart shortly after her 16th birthday, and a couple of years later, on June 23, 1973, they began a 48-year journey of love and family; building together a life based on a foundation of faith and ministry.

Kathy was a retiree from Bi-County Services in Bluffton, IN where she served as Transportation Director, assisting in the establishment of grants through her tenure with the Indiana State Transportation board, and helped build an initial fleet of vehicles to serve individuals with special needs in Adams and Wells Counties.

However, Kathy's life-long dream and focus was her role as wife and mother, and eventually grandmother. Family was everything to her, and she took every opportunity to make memories whether through travel, a game night, camping or attending the Hershey Family Reunion every year. She is survived by her

husband Michael Eugene Hershey, her two sons: Shane Paul Hershey of Nutley, New Jersey, and Shaun Michael (Tracy) Hershey of Mishawaka, IN. Three grandchildren, Cody Nathaniel Timmerman, Jackson Pryce Hershey, and Khloe Victoria Hershey, two brothers William E. (Iris) Armstrong and Michael A. (Angela) Armstrong. Her mother-in-law Frances Hershey, sisters-in-law Dorothy (Dale) Smith and Cindy (Jeff) Coons, brother-in-law Richard (Tina) Hershey, as well as several nieces and nephews. For Kathy, her extended family was always growing, and everyone was welcome. She was preceded in death by her father and mother and stepfather Wayne N. Riggs. A member of the Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene, she took great joy in serving God through the various ministries and senior group activities. When sharing her faith, Kathy would often say these words, "Only one life twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

Calling hours will be from 2pm – 4pm Sunday, August 1, 2021 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home with a Celebration of Life Service at 4pm also at the Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Miller officiating. Memorials may be made to Bi-County Services.

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.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathleen Ann Hershey*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 01, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Kathleen Ann Hershey*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Kathy was such a beautiful person. She was always so happy and caring.
Kathy loved her family and friends very much. May god bless you always Kathy. We will all miss you alot. Rest in heavenly peace
Kathleen.*

Gabriel Muniz - August 01, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Hershey.*



August 01, 2021 at 09:56 AM



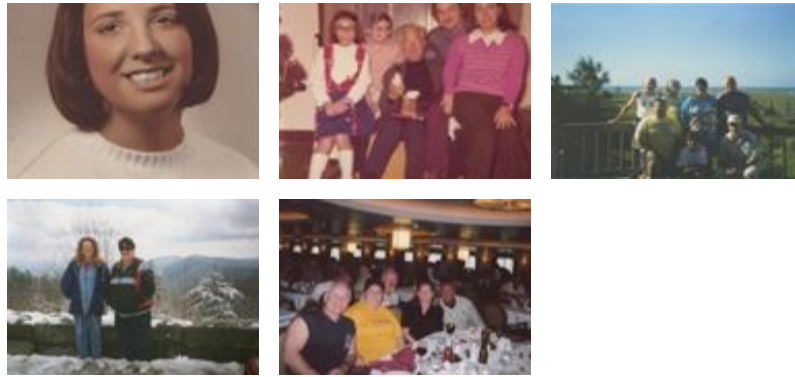
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Hershey.*



July 31, 2021 at 06:25 AM



“ *147 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - July 30, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Kathy always tried to have a smile on her face. I sure will miss messaging her and all the fun stickers we shared on line. Her loving and caring personality will be missed forever. Praying for all her family and friends.*



Jim Sue Ryder - July 29, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Hershey.*



July 29, 2021 at 07:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Hershey.*



July 28, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Hershey.*



July 28, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Ann Hershey.*



July 28, 2021 at 08:58 PM

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“ To Mike & family, It was a great pleasure to have known Kathy. She was a happy jolly person. We will miss her greatly. But now she has no more pain, no more tears, & no more sorrows. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ed & Celia Dunmoyer

Celia Dunmoyer - July 28, 2021 at 06:57 PM

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“ She was a wonderful daughter-in-law and I loved her dearly ❤️ You will be greatly missed by all who knew her. R.I.P.



Frances Hershey - July 28, 2021 at 06:30 PM