



## Lydia M. Kahlenbeck

July 20, 1944 - February 14, 2019

Lydia M. Kahlenbeck, 74, of Markle, passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Heritage Pointe of Huntington. She was born on July 20, 1944 in Flint, Michigan to Alfred & Emma "Irma" (Antal) Sutto.

Lydia graduated from International Business College and married the love of her life, Richard Kahlenbeck soon after on Jan 30, 1965. While Lydia enjoyed her work at Schenkel's Dairy in Huntington, her greatest joy was in caring for her family. She took great pleasure in making certain that her husband and children had all the support they needed to achieve great things. Working with children was always something dear to Lydia's heart. Whether teaching preschool at Majenica Missionary Church or substitute teaching at Bluffton Christian School, her heart was most fulfilled when helping others to grow and learn. There was no greater joy for her, however, than when she was able to spend time with her granddaughters. From endless hours of imaginary adventures in the woods, to countless games of Flinch on rainy days, Lydia's love for her grandkids overflowed. Even as she aged, Lydia utilized her talent for writing to keep in touch with her family, friends and community through cards, letters and even articles written for the local Markle Newsletter.

Neighbors always knew that if the sun was out they could find Lydia around the farm riding her lawnmower, out on her bicycle or resting on the front porch enjoying the shade. Lydia passed peacefully in her sleep to spend Valentine's Day reunited with her one true love.

She is survived by her son Mike (Angie), her daughter Sue Ann (Craig) Carter

and five grandchildren: Annie Helfgott of New York, Emma Helfgott of Indiana, Katy (Ben) Hudson of Huntington, Jim Carter of New York, Brian Carter of New York.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Richard L. Kahlenbeck on July 15, 2016.

There will be no formal service. Memorials may be made to the Murray Missionary Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Lydia M. Kahlenbeck

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Franklin IT purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lydia M. Kahlenbeck.



Franklin IT - February 19, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Mike and Sue and your families. We have such good memories of your mother, as Keith's preschool teacher, and Nanette has such treasured memories of sharing time at your home, riding horses and just having fun with you, Sue. We pray that God will comfort all of you as only He can.  
Douglas and Janet Belcher Family

DOUGLAS BELCHER - February 18, 2019 at 05:30 PM



Our deepest sympathies from the Mary Platt Family. It's been a pleasure having such good neighbors.

Sharon (Platt) Hoch - February 19, 2019 at 10:40 AM



Thank you Sharon. Your thoughts are greatly appreciated and my parents truly valued their neighbors. Never did I hear even negative word about anyone from my parents. They were blessed to live near so many wonderful people.

Sue Ann Carter - February 21, 2019 at 05:51 PM

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*Thank you so much Douglas,*

*I have tried finding Nanette on FB several times, but assume she married so I wasn't able to locate her page. I will be back in Indiana for the first two weeks of April to collect some of the items that hold the most memory for myself and my girls. I would LOVE to hear from Nanette and maybe make time to visit if she is still local. Again, your memories are deeply appreciated!*  
*Sue*

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**Sue Ann Carter** - February 21, 2019 at 06:01 PM

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*I have great memories of working with Lydia at the "Bargain Hut". She was a joy to be with, good worker, intelligent, dedicated and loyal. We both lost our dear husbands close together, so we also shared our sorrows. I will miss her so much. Prayers for her family.*

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**Glenna Plummer** - February 22, 2019 at 12:26 PM