



Jean Kelley

June 14, 1941 - October 12, 2024

Jean Kelley, age 83 of Cedar Lake, Indiana went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 12, 2024. She is survived by her beloved husband of 64 years, Rex Kelley; children, Kevin (Sheri) Kelley and Teresa (David) Nirtaut; grandchildren, Stephanie (Kevin) Jones, Grant (Brittany) Kelley, Kirsten (Josh) Wachowski, Alec (Samantha) Nirtaut and Brianna (Isaak Hunckler, Fiancé) Nirtaut; great grandchildren, Emersyn, Finley, and Karter Jones, Cormick, Maverick, and Hendrick Kelley, Bennett Wachowski, and Calum and Beckett Nirtaut. Preceded in death by parents, Myron and Nellie Mae Perry and brothers, Myron Perry Jr., and Darrel Perry.

Jean loved to read (especially the words of Jesus), do word searches and crosswords, and play cards. She also loved the ocean, spending time with her family, and watching most sports. She was a devoted wife that adored caring for her husband, Rex, and the most loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. There was not a moment Jean did not think about others or her family. She loved Jesus with all her heart, and it showed in her everyday actions. Jean was also a long time, active member of Lake Hills Baptist Church where she enjoyed attending church services every Sunday. Anyone that knew Jean was blessed by her presence and the example that she showed to everyone with her relationship with Rex. Once you were in Jean's life, you were in it forever and she made sure that you knew it. Although her memory was short near the end, she always remembered the smallest details

about everybody's life and made sure she sent personalized anniversary, holiday, and birthday cards all year round. Jean's family is the greatest treasure, joy, and achievement of her love-fulfilled life.

When Jean was in eighth grade, she met Rex at an outdoor theater, and they had been inseparable ever since. Their life together started in Brashear (Missouri) and continued in Litterberry (Illinois), Massillon (Ohio), Crown Point (Indiana), and finally Cedar Lake (Indiana).

During her lifetime, Jean was a bookkeeper at the JW Johnson Grain Elevator in Litterberry, Illinois and she was a bookkeeper for the Morgan County Department of Agriculture in Jacksonville, Illinois. She was also a Mary Kay cosmetics consultant and playroom attendant at Omni Health and Fitness Center in Schererville, Indiana.

Jean's joy and passion for life shined through everybody around her and she felt God's presence the most when gathering with her loved ones and when sharing quiet moments at the ocean. Although she did not get to go to the ocean very often, when she did, she was able to sit for hours and feel the presence of God. Jean was passionate, funny, strong, determined, joyful, and dedicated until the very end. Even when she was in pain, she would never let it show because that is how selfless she was. She will be greatly missed by the surviving members of her family and those that had the pleasure of knowing and loving her. One day, her family will reunite with her in Heaven, but in the meantime, another round of cards will be played, and another family meal will be shared with a spot saved for Jean. Her memory will live on forever and she will never be forgotten.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, October 18th, 2024, at 11:00 am at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Highway, Crown Point, Indiana. Pastor Jacobs Riggs will be officiating. Friends may visit with the family on

Thursday, October 17th, 2024, at the funeral home from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm and again on Friday morning from 10:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am. In honor of Jean's wishes and her courageous battle with cancer, the family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to support her grandson and his wife "Brittany Kelley" in her own fight against cancer. Checks should be made payable to Brittany Kelley and mailed to 2902 Mandy Lane, Morehead City, NC 28557. Please see Tribute Wall to see Brittany's Story.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home
6305 W. Lincoln Highway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Kelley.



October 16, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ I will miss her my sweet friend, I loved her sweet smile and kindness every Sunday morning sitting in that same pew, she has touched many lives and I'm sure her legacy will live on through her family. Rex and family are in my prayers 🙏 Linda and Wayne Russell

linda russell - October 16, 2024 at 11:29 AM



“ I would see her sitting in her pew at church and always stop for one of her hugs and her sweet smile, I looked forward to seeing her on Sunday's..
Love you Jean❤️
Prayers and love to Rex and her family

paulette Young - October 14, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Jean's family. Charles and I were her classmates at Brashear High School. We were not aware Jean battled cancer.

Bertha Spencer - October 14, 2024 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sweetest woman ever.* ”

Melissa Surratt - October 14, 2024 at 05:45 PM

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Brittany Kelley’s Battle with Triple Negative Breast Cancer:

Being diagnosed with stage three breast cancer is not the best news a young mom of three boys wants to hear in the middle of summer. On June 20, 2023 I was diagnosed with stage three triple negative invasive carcinoma breast cancer. Without even hesitating, I took my battle of cancer head on and made sure cancer wouldn't define who I was!

I completed twenty-four weeks of chemotherapy on December 7, 2023, followed by a double mastectomy January 3, 2024, reconstruction surgery January 23, 2024, 6.5 weeks of radiation completed in May 2024 and then 4 months of oral chemotherapy before being Re-diagnosed September 2024.

I now receive care at UNC- Chapel Hill where I just had surgery 10/10/24 and will jump right into chemotherapy again on 10/18/24.

My family and I have had a trying year and half but we have laid it all in Jesus' hands because we know he is the miracle worker.

We know Jean's wishes in lieu of flowers were to make monetary donations to our family as Jean has had her fair share of battles of cancer on earth's side. We know she is rejoicing in heaven now and pain free.

So we are honoring her wishes for private donations and request that her request to not be forwarded throughout social media. We know God will lead as needed.

We truly thank you in advance for your support and request as many and more prayers for our family.

In Lieu of Flowers - October 14, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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So sorry to hear this about Jean, will be praying 🙏 for you Rex and family. May God help you thru this time of grief.

Wilma Israel - October 14, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jean Kelley.*



October 13, 2024 at 02:45 PM