



## Joyce McCrea

October 4, 1935 - July 31, 2020

Joyce McCrea, 84, of Hessville passed away peacefully in her home July 31st. She is preceded in death by her husband Ross of 61 years, parents John and Helen Zubay, brother Eddie Zubay and sister Lucille Vance.

Joyce is survived by her children: Tom(Kathy) McCrea, Karen(Randy) Hirsch, Tim(Julie) McCrea and Kathy(Dennis) Toporek; her grandchildren: Sarah Greenhagen, Michelle McCrea, Garrett McCrea, Alexandra Hirsch, Jeff(Madeline) Hirsch, Matthew(Lindsay) McCrea, Stephen(Liz) McCrea, Kelleigh(Jacob) Kahle, Adam McCrea, Zach McCrea, Korie McCrea, Brittney Ferris, Kiley Ferris; nine great grandchildren; Godchildren: Kevin Vance, Renee Parker, Jeanie Harsany, and Greg Canner. She is also survived by her brother Bob(Marge) Zubay and sister in law Dolores Zubay.

Joyce was a devoted, loving wife and mother. She raised her kids in a Catholic household and was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Hessville for most of her life. Prior to children, she was employed at Lever Brothers in Whiting and after her kids were grown, she spent many years as a tax preparer at H&R Block.

One of Joyce's pure enjoyments were all the dogs she raised over her many years. Her favorite breed was the West Highland terrier which she also bred. Joyce was also an avid bowler and enjoyed participating in many leagues at Plaza Lanes for approximately 30 years. In addition, Joyce enjoyed playing in a BUNCO club with some of her closest, lifelong friends; playing the slots at the gambling boats with her good friend Joan Vyner, and playing "Aggravation" and cards with her family. She was also very well known for her delicious nutroll and lemon meringue pie.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Whiting. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice of the Calumet area. Condolences to the family may be offered online at [Memorylanepark.com](http://Memorylanepark.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
1849 Lincoln Avenue  
Whiting, IN 46394

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce McCrea.*



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August 12, 2020 at 01:57 PM

CK

“ *I was deeply saddened to learn of Joyce's passing. My late husband, "Whitey" and I, along with the Rueckerts, spent many Fridays enjoying fish dinners during Lent. My thoughts and prayers to the entire McCrea family at this sad time.*

*Charlene Kirschsieper*

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**Charlene Kirschsieper** - August 09, 2020 at 11:59 PM

BM

“ *Brother Bob & Marge purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce McCrea.*



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**Brother Bob & Marge** - August 08, 2020 at 12:48 PM

KV

“ Family, love, fun, and games. Those are my memories of My Godmother, Aunt Joyce. She was my second mother, the one who I could safely talk to about anything in the world because she listened to hear me and not to give me advice. And that was always exactly the advice that I needed! Of course she could see right through me and would let me know when I was just full of it 🤪 - always with her smile - and often with a chocolate chip cookie or two.💕

*It was devastating to move away to New Jersey at 12 - leaving Tommy, Timmy, Karen, Kathy-Jo, and Aunt Joyce and Uncle Buggs.. One of me favorite memories was when the McCreas visited us in NJ the next year over my birthday! They didn't just pack up and go anywhere so I knew what a gift we received.*

*Despite living hundreds of miles away so that we were together only a few times each year, it always felt as if no time had passed at all and we picked up right where we left off.*

*I will miss our calls and visits - and grateful that when I think of Aunt Joyce we are still playing volley ball and beanbags at my sister Jane's, or Risk, and Canasta, and Aggravation at the kitchen table in Hammond, laughing and enjoying every minute!*

*I am looking at her picture from the obituary now and I can here her asking me why I am so sad - telling me that she was ready to go and lived a good life and it was past time. That is true - but it is too soon for me.*

*Love, Kevin*

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**kevin vance** - August 04, 2020 at 08:21 PM

BF

“ Becky, Jane, Kevin, Chris and families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce McCrea.



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**Becky, Jane, Kevin, Chris and families** - August 04, 2020 at 06:30 PM

MC

“ Kathy Toporek and family, I'm Sending healing prayers to lift you up in your time of sorrow. Michael

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**Michael Clinton** - August 04, 2020 at 12:40 AM

CH

“ Prayers for peace and healing to all her loved ones



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**cheryl** - August 03, 2020 at 09:59 PM

SA

“ Prayers for the loss of a loving mother , wife , grandmother, and friend may God give you comfort and strength during this time . 🙏🙏🙏

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**Seneca Price ( Audrey)** - August 03, 2020 at 09:25 PM