



Jo E. Gamble

April 12, 1948 - December 9, 2021

Jo Elaine Gamble, 73, of rural Mentone, Ind. passed surrounded by her family at 3:31 pm, Thursday, December 9, 2021 at her residence.

Jo was born on April 12, 1948 in Huntington, Ind. to Joe D. and Janice A (Carl) Rice. She married on Jan. 15, 1969 in North Manchester, Ind. to Victor D. Gamble, he survives.

She was a graduate of Huntington Township High School in 1966. She then attended Manchester College, graduating in 1970. Jo furthered her education with two Master's Degrees from Ball State University. She taught for Northfield High School and then transitioned into Real Estate, where she was a real estate agent from 1974 -1988 for Larry Nellans Relators and then Lucas Relators. In 1988, she pursued an opportunity to return to education and accepted a role as the Guidance Counselor at "The" Tippecanoe Valley High School, where she retired in 2009.

She took great pride in being a devoted and loving wife and mother. She was a Christian and a lifetime member of the Central Christian Church of Huntington, IN. Jo touched so many lives in an extremely positive way. If you knew Jo, you know it was her lifelong calling to help and serve others in her family and her community, especially the youth. She was a member Psi Iota Xi Sorority, founded the Miss Kosciusko Scholarship Pageant and served as a

volunteer EMT for the Mentone EMS. As a member of the TVHS staff, Jo enjoyed supporting many extra-curricular activities. Many Viking supporters know Jo as the “Queen of the North Door”. For many years, she and Vic were ticket takers at home basketball and football games. For more than 25 years, Jo and Vic hosted the boys and girls basketball teams for a pre-sectional dinner at their home. She greatly enjoyed hosting and serving a formal meal on Prom Night for Handicapable/Special Education students at Valley and hosting the annual Christmas party for the wonderful members of the FFA. She looked forward to cooking meals for the Mentone United Methodist Church Wednesday night service.

Jo looked at her children as her greatest calling. Providing an endless amount of love, support and encouragement in all that came their way. Her sons’ friends from Tippy Valley, Sigma Chi’s at Ball State, and many other friends got know Jo, too. Her boys took great pride in their mother and loved to have friends visit their home. As they did, a common theme arose among these visitors “your mom is incredible”, “we love mama Jo”, the greatest testament to her caring ways “Jo is like a second Mom to me”. Her grandchildren, nieces and nephews were loved without limits and always knew that whenever they needed support Grammy/Aunt Jo was a go to for them.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Vic Gamble of Mentone, sons Troy and wife Wendy Gamble of Noblesville and Shane and wife Ally Gamble of Fishers; grandchildren Tyler, Garrison, Elijah, Joey, and Delaney; her mother Janice Eller of Mentone; and a sister Janick “Nicki” Norris. Many Nieces, Nephew and other wonderful extended family.

Jo was preceded in death by her father Joe D. Rice and daughter-in-law Erin Lyn Gamble.

A memorial service will take place at 2:00 pm, Saturday, December 18, 2021

at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with Pastor Gail Law officiating.

Visitation will be from 12 noon to 2:00 pm, Saturday, December 18, 2021 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Mary & Jerry's Helping Hands 10274 W 600 S, Mentone, IN 46539.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
101 North Tucker Street
P.O. Box 56
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Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jo E. Gamble*



Hartzler Funeral Services - December 16, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *I just learned of Jo's passing. I haven't lived in the area for several years and hadn't seen Jo in quite some time. I met her when I was a teenager and she made quite an impression on me. She was an extraordinary woman. It was an honor and a pleasure to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Daphne Keplinger Myers - January 18, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.*



December 17, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.*



December 17, 2021 at 01:34 PM



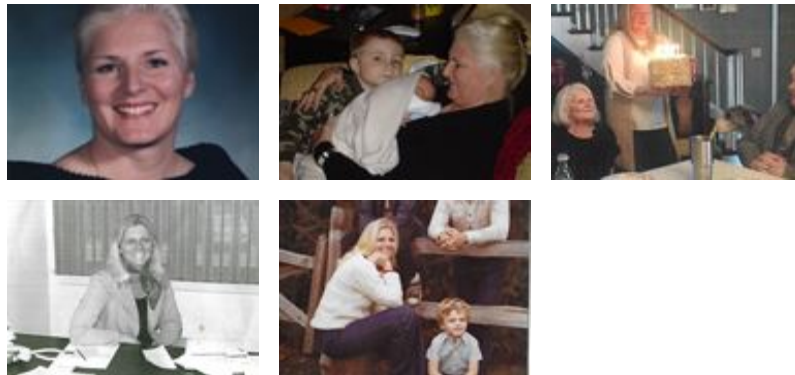
“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.*



December 17, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ *142 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - December 16, 2021 at 08:24 PM

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“ Dear Vic and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of Jo's passing. She was a good friend and a lovely woman. I have so many fond memories of her spending time at our house or me visiting hers during our school days. We always laughed ourselves silly with some of the things we came up with. There were slumber parties, class parties at the roller rink, cheer club, etc. Even volunteering together to design a punch table for the prom the year we were Juniors. . .we turned the table into a "ship wreck" for the "Under the Sea" themed dance. Wonderful memories. I am glad that Jo went on to have a happy and wonderful life with all of you in it. She will remain in my heart always.

Dianna (Penn) and Jim Lee

Dianna Lee - December 16, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.



December 16, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.



December 16, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.*



December 14, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *What a beautiful, elegant lady with a heart larger than she was. Jo was such a very happy, positive person that did not allow her illness to define her.....always a ray of sunshine that made you feel blessed no matter what the circumstances. Jo, you are already missed by all of us.*



Due to family obligations, we cannot be at the visitation, but we will be with all of you in Spirit.

God's blessings as you take time to grieve this beautiful soul.

Diane & Butch Warren and families

Diane and Butch Warren - December 14, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.*



December 13, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jo E. Gamble.*



December 13, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Jo was such a sweet lady. She was our first babysitter (while still in high school) and gifted our sons her bird ,Petey, when she left for college (much to my dismay as I am not fond of birds). Jo faced many physical challenges with strength and grace and was an inspiration to all. She will be missed by our family and all who knew her.*

Monica Earlywine - December 13, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ *Shane & Ally, I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. It's always tough but at this time of the year it is so much tougher. May the wonderful and special memories help you thru this time. Hugs*

Fred Lewis - December 13, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *You will be missed. Jo was a great friend to everyone and lived all the kids and staff at valley.*

Rhonda Prater - December 11, 2021 at 06:05 PM

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“ *She will be missed! She treated me like a queen and will miss her, but I have the best memories! She loved working with the kids at school and all the family commadery with the staff. Hugs to her family! RIP Jo...*

Diane Sheetz - December 10, 2021 at 05:03 PM

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“ *Diane Sheetz lit a candle in memory of Jo E. Gamble*



Diane Sheetz - December 10, 2021 at 04:59 PM