



## Joy Lee Canada

November 7, 1941 - October 21, 2025

Joy Lee Canada, 83, of Denver, Indiana passed surrounded by family at 2:30 am, Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at her residence.

Joy was born on November 7, 1941, in Hadley, Indiana, to the late Bassie and Mary (Butler) Singleton. Her name described her perfectly. A graduate of Amo High School, she completed her studies in 1959. On August 26, 1961, she married Donald E. "Butch" Canada, with whom she shared many years until his passing on April 25, 2007.

Joy began her working life in the mailroom at Public Service of Plainfield. Later, she served the North Miami Elementary School as cook and then janitor, retiring in 2006. As the eldest daughter in her family, Joy naturally stepped into the role of caregiver, first supporting her mother, later raising her own children, and also throughout her life with numerous friends.

She cherished travel and the memories it created. Among her favorite adventures were a family trip to Michigan, a special 1986 journey with her mother and sister to see the ocean for the first time, and her dream train ride across Canada in 2011. In later years, she treasured trips with her children and her friend Dean, including accompanying him on his Honor Flight.

Joy's faith was a guiding light in her life. She attended the Chili Baptist

Church. She served as a cook at Bear Lake church camp and had taught Sunday school. She lovingly crafted baby blankets, baked and decorated cakes for every occasion, and found joy in tracing her family's roots through genealogy and family tree books.

She is survived by her sons Michael and wife Julie Canada of Akron, Ind., and Steven and wife Sheri Canada of Brownsburg; daughter, Lisa and husband Dennis Miller of Frankfort, Ind.; grandchildren, Kelsey and husband Cody, Kyle and wife Kassidy, Bryston, Cheney, Keelin, and Karsyn; great grandchildren Waylon, Hallie, Everett, Kail, and Karee; siblings Carl Singleton, Ernest Singleton, Linda Nease, Bonnie Barks, Jack Singleton, Randy and wife Tracie Singleton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers Bassie Jr., Joe, and Richard; sisters Lou, Franny, and Rheada; and very special friend Dean Bammerlin.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at 2:30 pm, Sunday, November 9, 2025 at the Akron Community Center 815 E Rural Street Akron, IN 46910. Then a Celebration of Life ceremony will begin at 3:15 pm officiated by Pastor Julie Walker. Refreshments and a time for sharing memories will continue following the service.

Also a Memorial Gathering will be held at 3:00 pm, Saturday, November 15, 2025 at the Coatesville Community Building 4936 Milton Street Coatesville, IN 46121. A Celebration of Life ceremony will begin at 3:45pm with Pastor Julie Walker officiating.

Joy's interment will take place in the Hadley Friends Cemetery, Hadley, Indiana next to her husband.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joy Lee Canada



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 04, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ 456 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 04, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Zachary Cornett lit a candle in memory of Joy Lee Canada



Zachary Cornett - October 23, 2025 at 07:02 PM

LN

“ Well Sister, here we go again. I love you, and thanks for taking care of me when mom was having babies. I know I was a handful, but I think I turned out good. I want you to know when a white fluffy cloud and a star goes by, I'll be looking up and waving at you, all my brothers and sisters, Mom, Dad, Larry Joe, Troy and all my nephews (if I said all their names, I would be here all day). I'm going to wave at everyone, but take care of them all for me. So, I love you all and hug them. Well Joy, I will miss you a lot. Bye, and I'll see you in heaven, Sister. - Linda

Linda Nease - October 23, 2025 at 07:01 PM

LN

“ Hey sister u had to take care of me when mom was having another baby so sorry u had to take care of me but I know u loved me anyway so I might not know what you are doing but when a star goes by or a big white fluffy cloud goes I will think of u and look down I'll be there to ilu for every sister linda

linda nease - October 23, 2025 at 03:41 PM

MC

“ I dearly loved Joy as I knew her when teaching at NorthMiami Elementary. Joy's son was in my 4th grade classs, a great student n wonderful personality! I would appreciate being a part of Joy's celebration of life. PRAYERS for peace & comfort for the family as you grive the loss of a WONDERFUL LADY 🙏

Malan Culp - October 23, 2025 at 07:06 AM

LM

We hope to see you Sunday at her Celebration of Life!

Lisa Miller - November 05, 2025 at 01:49 PM

JH

“ Joy was such a wonderful lady. I enjoyed working w/her at NM. She was so friendly & helpful to me on the PTO for many years. So sorry for your loss. Praying for peace & comfort for the family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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**Janie Hattery** - October 22, 2025 at 03:37 PM

JK

“ I am so sad to hear of Joy's passing and prayers for all the families. Joy was my sister-in-law. She has always been like family to me even after my divorce. She was the most kind and sweetest person ever. She will be missed by all her siblings and immediately family. Thanks Joy for being you. I will miss you at reunions. Love you. Joy Lee Singleton Canada! 🙏❤️

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**Jeanette Kleiber** - October 21, 2025 at 03:58 PM

DW

Condolences to the Canada and Singleton families. As a young boy riding the school bus, I recall that Joy always seem to get on the bus with a smile on her face and she was always kind. It's 70 years since I rode that bus with her and her brothers and sisters, but a lasting memory. As it's said, "Gone but not forgotten."

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**Dick Whicker** - October 24, 2025 at 09:26 AM

LM

Thanks for sharing these memories ❤️. We hope to see you at her Celebration of Life.

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**Lisa Miller** - November 05, 2025 at 01:51 PM