



## Kathryn I. Hartzler

April 27, 1933 - July 13, 2015

Kathryn I. Hartzler, 82, of Akron, Indiana unexpectedly passed peacefully at 8:40 am, Monday, July 13, 2015 at her residence. She was born April 27, 1933 in Marshall County, Indiana to Harold E. and Carrie Irene (McGriff) Walters.

She was married June 17, 1951 in the Athens EUB Church to Stephen L. Hartzler he survives.

She raised her family while managing and working in the home and on the farm. After her family was raised, she managed the Fulton County License Branch and was a greeter at her son's funeral home.

She moved from the Richland Center community to the Akron area while in grade school. She graduated in 1951 from Akron High School where she was a class officer and a HS cheerleader. She married her sweetheart right after high school, a union lasting 64 years. She enjoyed raising Hereford cattle with her husband. Having been a 10-year 4-H member she was a driving force to her children to follow and do the same. She started her political career as the Vice Precinct Committeeman in Fulton County. Kathryn always worked hard to get many good candidates elected, but never ran for an office herself. She was known in the county as well as the state for her Republican Politics serving as Vice Chairman and County Chairman for many years as well as

Secretary of the Fifth District. Although she had lost most of her sight she always stayed in the political loop. She was awarded two Sagamores of the Wabash and a Distinguished Hoosier by three different Governors. She and her husband have held season tickets at Tippecanoe Valley High School for the boy's basketball games since the schools inception as well as having season tickets for the Notre Dame Women's Basketball for many years.

Survivors and place of residence:

Husband – Steve Hartzler – Akron, Ind.

Daughters – Stephenia Barkman – Rochester, Ind.

Melinda and husband Pete Pratt – Rochester, Ind.

Son – Mark and wife Deb Hartzler – Akron, Ind.

Grandchildren – Melea Powell-Hoffer, Stephen Heinzmann, Stacey McGriff, Blaine Hartzler, and Ashley Heinzmann

Step Grandchildren – Stacy Barkman, Scott Barkman, Tara Wolfe, and Tabitha Floor

19 Great Grandchildren

Sister - Jean Ann Deaton – Bourbon, Ind.

Brother – Lloyd and wife Linda Walters – Rochester, Ind.

Preceded in Death By:

Parents - Harold E. and Carrie Irene Walters

Infant Brother – Richard Walters

Brother – Herschel Walters

Son-in-law – Jim Barkman

Time and Date of Services: 10:30 am, Friday, July 17, 2015

Place of Services: Hartzler Funeral Home 305 W. Rochester Street Akron, Indiana

Minister: Pastor Phil Pratt

Place of Burial: Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana

Visitation Hours: 2 pm to 8 pm, Thursday, July 16, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral

Home Akron, Indiana

Memorial Contributions to: Stephen and Kathryn Hartzler Scholarship  
entrusted at the Northern Indiana Community Foundation

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler*



**Hartzler Funeral Services** - July 15, 2015 at 12:38 PM

DM

*A beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady! Our deepest sympathy to the family. Her presence will surely be missed by many! Our thoughts and prayers our with you. David (Goober) & Deb (Bollhoefer) Mathias.*

**Debra Mathias** - July 17, 2015 at 09:56 AM

PM

“ *To the family of Kathryn Hartzler, we send our sympathy at her passing. Her smile and friendliness will be missed. She served her family and community well. We pray that God will bless you with comfort and strength. Katie and Phil McCarter*

**Phil and Katie McCarter** - July 17, 2015 at 05:15 AM



*To Mr Mark Hartzler: I'm sorry for the passing of your mom. I never knew her but she raised one fine son. My thoughts and prayers are with you my friend.see you soon.*

**Joseph Dale Crawford** - September 09, 2015 at 09:46 PM

JF

“ Joe & Sadie Shafer & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathryn I. Hartzler.



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**Joe & Sadie Shafer & Family** - July 16, 2015 at 05:59 PM

CL

“ Kathryn was a wonderful woman that we will all miss very much. Our family ties go back to my grandparents raising Hereford cattle and know your family. a lot of special memories will always be close to our hearts.  
God Bless  
Connie Laudeman



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**Connie Laudeman** - July 16, 2015 at 01:17 PM

MH

“ Mark and family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all.  
Dave and Mindi Henson

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**Mindi and Dave Henson** - July 16, 2015 at 12:48 PM

JM

“ Mark and Melinda,  
I wanted to let you know how sorry I am today to hear about your mom's passing. I have fond memories of her hospitality when visiting your house many years ago.  
Joe Moore

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**Joe Moore** - July 16, 2015 at 12:12 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Kathryn's passing she will be missed, Love and Prayers. Bill Cornell and the Reese family



Mary Reese - July 16, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn I. Hartzler.



July 16, 2015 at 08:25 AM



“ May the Lord be close to Kathryn's family during this difficult time. She was a very special lady.

Tom Murray - July 16, 2015 at 07:34 AM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - July 16, 2015 at 06:14 AM

PL

“ So sad to hear of Kathryn's passing. She was such a nice lady, and a good person. When our dad passed in 2002 she was instrumental in setting things up for us to have his funeral at the fairgrounds as the funeral home in Akron was undergoing some renovations. It was so nice of her and was greatly appreciated by all of his kids. Thoughts and prayers to Steve and the family from the Cumberland kids. God Bless.

Paige Levitz - July 16, 2015 at 12:12 AM



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July 15, 2015 at 10:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathryn I. Hartzler.



July 15, 2015 at 10:03 PM

MF

“ So sorry for your loss. Kathryn was such a nice lady and will be sadly missed!



Michelle Herrold Rigney and family - July 15, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - July 15, 2015 at 11:42 AM

AB

“ Ann Brucker lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler



Ann Brucker - July 15, 2015 at 09:31 AM

JS

“ Mark SO Sorry about your loss , It is all different in our Profession when it is our Family. God Bless Jeff Stout

Jeff Stout - July 15, 2015 at 08:06 AM

NH

“ Mark, Deb and family,  
So sorry for your loss.  
Sincerely,  
Fred & Nancy Hinkle



Nancy Hinkle - July 15, 2015 at 06:50 AM



*Thank you. So nice to hear from you.*

**Deb Hartzler** - July 15, 2015 at 09:25 PM

RB

“ *So very sorry to learn of Kathryn's passing. She was a lovely lady and will be missed by many. Our sympathies to Steve and her family.* ”

**Robert and Laurie Baker** - July 15, 2015 at 03:47 AM

 Angela Hancock

“ *Angela Hancock lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler* ”



**Angela Hancock** - July 14, 2015 at 08:06 PM

TF

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.* ”

**Travis Fry** - July 14, 2015 at 07:42 PM

SC

“ *Skip & Mary Callander lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler* ”



**Skip & Mary Callander** - July 14, 2015 at 07:30 PM

DG

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Kathryn's passing. She was a wonderful Lady. I have fond memories of her growing up. Always a smile on her face.. Mark, Melinda, and Stephanie and your families all have my sincerest sympathys...

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**Dan Gagnon** - July 14, 2015 at 07:00 PM

MA

“ Kathryn was such a wonderful friend to my mom and dad when they were in Akron and involved not only with their store but in the Fulton County Courthouse. Always part of the July 4th celebrations at our home when all of the Republican officials were there to watch the parade and visit old friends.



Her children were great friends to me and Steve always took good care of my parents needs when they died and had their local services.

Praying for peace and comfort to all of them. Marjorie

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**Marjorie** - July 14, 2015 at 01:17 PM

  
Annette  
Hartman  
Wise

“ Annette Hartman Wise lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler

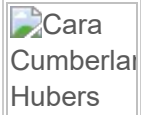


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**Annette Hartman Wise** - July 14, 2015 at 11:53 AM



*I never saw Kathryn without a smile. Sincere condolences to the entire family.*

**Annette Hartman Wise** - July 14, 2015 at 11:55 AM



*“ I loved going to her house with Melea & Melinda when I was a kid. She was such a kind woman. Prayers to you all.*

**Cara Cumberland Hubers** - July 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM



*“ Ric And Karen Fouts lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler*



**Ric and Karen Fouts** - July 14, 2015 at 07:34 AM



*“ I remember mom telling me that her and Kathryn would talk on the phone. Steve would walk by and say "are you still talking to Jean?" lol*



**Judy (Conner) Vaughn** - July 14, 2015 at 12:02 AM



*“ Vay and I will miss her. Prayers to Steve, Steph, and all the family. Fred Bohm*

**Fred Bohm** - July 13, 2015 at 09:40 PM

TC

“ Terry And Ruth Canfield lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler



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**Terry and Ruth Canfield** - July 13, 2015 at 08:54 PM

JB

“ Jeff And Laura Bickel lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler



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**Jeff and Laura Bickel** - July 13, 2015 at 07:27 PM

JB

“ Jerry & Bonnie Bickel lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler



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**Jerry & Bonnie Bickel** - July 13, 2015 at 06:06 PM

PM

“ Kathryn always had a smile for everyone/

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**Peggy Van Meter** - July 13, 2015 at 05:07 PM

LC

“ *LOLA COLLINS lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler*



LOLA COLLINS - July 13, 2015 at 04:27 PM

MT

“ *Merl & Linda Tinkey lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler*



Merl & Linda Tinkey - July 13, 2015 at 01:42 PM

MT

*So very sorry for your loss!!*

Merl & Linda Tinkey - July 13, 2015 at 01:45 PM

JR

*So very sorry for the loss of Kathryn. She was a very special person. You kids came from a fine and caring family. Bless all of you. a friend  
Joan Rans*

Joan Rans - July 15, 2015 at 02:07 PM

LM

“ *Leann Madeford lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler*



Leann Madeford - July 13, 2015 at 12:20 PM

SB

“ Shirley And Jim Bickel lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler



Shirley and Jim Bickel - July 13, 2015 at 12:13 PM

SB

So Sorry for your loss. Kathryn was a dear friend. Always a smile on her face she will be missed.

Shirley and Jim Bickel - July 13, 2015 at 12:15 PM

SC

“ Sherri Conley lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler



Sherri Conley - July 13, 2015 at 11:38 AM

AC

“ Alfred Sherri Conley lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler



Alfred Sherri Conley - July 13, 2015 at 11:37 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Kathryn I. Hartzler*



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**Kathy Moore** - July 13, 2015 at 11:21 AM

KM

*Sorry for your loss she was a special lady*

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**Kathy Moore** - July 13, 2015 at 11:22 AM

VJ

“ *Kathryn always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye.....she never met a stranger and worked harder than any woman I knew. She adored her family and raised them with love and integrity. Kathryn will always be the symbol of womanhood I will always admire! Much love and prayers going out to her beautiful family.....  
She was indeed an amazing soul! XOXO*

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**Victoria Jasper** - July 13, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JR

“ *So very sorry to hear this. You have our deepest sympathy.*



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**Jim, Brenda, Allyson & Tyler Ross** - July 13, 2015 at 10:28 AM