



## Rhonda L. Helvey

November 18, 1966 - September 14, 2024

Rhonda L. Helvey, of rural Akron passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the age of 57. Rhonda was a loving wife, full-time homemaker, and strong woman of faith who dedicated her life to family, teaching and her church community.

Born on November 18, 1966, in Columbia City, Indiana Rhonda was the daughter of the late Carroll Wilkinson and Janet (Anderson) Wilkinson. She is survived by her brothers: Gregg Wilkinson, Neil Wilkinson (with wife Cinthia and their sons Josh and Caleb), Steven Wilkinson (with his son Jacob), and Brad Wilkinson (with wife Alicia and their children Reagan, Landon, Ian, Brayden, and Hallie).

A graduate of Whitko High School, class of 1985, Rhonda continued her education at Grace College in Winona Lake, IN getting a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Shortly after, she began her career as a schoolteacher in Weslaco, Texas. Rhonda also spent a brief time working in the Kosciusko county health inspector's office.

On May 22, 1999, Rhonda and Todd were married at Faith Baptist Church of North Manchester. For the past 17 years, Rhonda was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church of Mentone, where she regularly played the piano, taught children's classes, participated in the AWANA program, and helped with Child

Evangelism Fellowship.

Rhonda is survived by her beloved husband, Todd Helvey, with whom she shared 25 years of marriage. Together, they were blessed with three sons: Matthew Helvey (and his wife Gabrielle), Jonathan Helvey, and Seth Helvey. Also surviving are Rhonda's parents' in-law Dennis Helvey and Connie (Hoffman) Helvey. Her family was the center of her life, and she devoted herself to nurturing and supporting them with love and care.

Rhonda's life was a testament to her devotion to the Lord, strong work ethic, and dedication to serving others. Her memory will live on as a shining testimony to the Lord.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 at the Mentone First Baptist Church 206 South Oak Street Mentone, Indiana with Pastor Tim Farley and Pastor Mike Wilhite officiating.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Visitation hours will take place from 2 pm to 6 pm, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024 in the Mentone First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Rhonda's memory to First Baptist Church of Mentone, where she faithfully served for many years.

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Mentone  
206 S. Oak St.  
Mentone, IN 46539

## Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Mentone, IN 46539

# Tribute Wall

LR

“ Rhonda was one of my best friends at Grace College and just learned of her passing. I am so saddened. We were both Elementary Education majors and had many of the same classes together. I even remember spending some time with her at her folks' home. What great years and fond memories of her I will always have. My prayers are with Todd and the family.

Laurie Randolph - June 20, 2025 at 10:33 AM

MO

“ I knew the Wilkinsons from my days at 1st Baptist South Whitley. I didn't know Rhonda as well as the boys, but 2 memories of Rhonda stick out. 1, they raised pigs, & I remember Rhonda being frustrated one day with a "stupid sow" who kept tipping over its food. 2nd, once I walked up to her at church, to get some information. I said, "Rhonda, I need you." Then, with crazed inspiration, I said, with great drama, "Rhonda, I need you!" Her mouth opened wide in surprise, & she wacked my arm with her hand! Fun memories. 57 seems so young for the Lord to take someone. But, her "fruitful labor" for the Lord was over, according to the Lord's Plan. Pastor French from Pleasant View once said, "We are immortal, until our work for the Lord is finished." Praise the Lord, that she's now in a Land where there's no sickness, no death, no temptation, no sin. Looking forward to the future reunion There. The Lord comfort the Wilkinsins & Helveys.

Mike O'Connor - June 09, 2025 at 09:30 PM

TH

“ Great and Godly memories. We had sweet fellowship together. Looking forward to the reunion in heaven. Tom and Mary Hunter

Tom Hunter - October 21, 2024 at 07:11 PM





“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rhonda L. Helvey.*



September 22, 2024 at 01:18 AM



“ *John, Patty, Ben Becker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rhonda L. Helvey.*

**John, Patty, Ben Becker** - September 22, 2024 at 01:18 AM



“ *Please know that your Missouri family is holding you all close in our hearts. Rhonda had such a loving spirit and a beautiful smile that she shared with everyone. May God's loving arms wrap around you and bring you peace. Sending hugs from afar.*

**Connie Wieberg** - September 21, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ *Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Rhonda L. Helvey*



**Shirley Bickel** - September 20, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you and the family know the presence of God in His comfort and peace. My prayers are with you.*

**Rose Berger** - September 20, 2024 at 05:38 PM

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“ From Kerry & Cindy Springer purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Rhonda L. Helvey.



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**From Kerry & Cindy Springer** - September 20, 2024 at 08:54 AM

JS

“ John & Tabatha Schmidt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rhonda L. Helvey.



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**John & Tabatha Schmidt** - September 19, 2024 at 03:51 PM

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“ Elaine Hauptert and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rhonda L. Helvey.



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**Elaine Hauptert and Family** - September 19, 2024 at 11:43 AM

CS

“ Oh Rhonda it's way too soon for this. Kerry and I have been so saddened to know. I first met Rhonda many moons ago at the Wilkinson's house. It was Christmas time and there was a lot of snow outside. But inside there was warmth and friendliness. Since Kerry and I were just dating at the time, I hadn't met anyone yet. But Rhonda made me feel welcomed. She is Kerry's second cousin. Good buy for now sweet Rhonda. I'm sure you will be missed by many.



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**Cindy Springer** - September 19, 2024 at 09:16 AM

CM

“ Rhonda was a beautiful and kind hearted soul. She was always nothing but sweet and kind towards me and my family. She will be missed greatly and my thoughts and prayers go to the family during this time.

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**Cassandra Mayer** - September 19, 2024 at 07:12 AM

AH

“ Rhonda! What a wonderful person. Our kids were in 4-H together. She was so much fun to work with in the fair stand. She will be missed by many people. Heartbreaking

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**Aime Hoffma** - September 18, 2024 at 09:08 PM

DC

“ Rhonda was a sweet spirited woman who will be greatly missed by all who knew her

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**Debra L Carver** - September 18, 2024 at 07:43 PM

VT

“ I have been so heartsick sick hearing of the loss of this beautiful soul! Rhonda and I grew up together as close neighbors and friends in our childhood years, and I treasure all the memories of VBS at the Wilkinson's, weekly Bible studies in the neighborhood homes, and the memory I will never forget of Rhonda and myself being baptized together at South Whitley First Baptist. Todd and her sons, and her brothers along with all her family including church family have been in prayers, and will continue to. Rest in Heaven friend. Well done Thy good and faithful servant! Love Vicki (Jackson) Torres



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**Vicki Torres** - September 18, 2024 at 05:36 PM