



## Denise M. Smith

August 7, 1953 - January 29, 2026

Denise M. Smith, age 72, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2026, at Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana.

Denise was born on August 7, 1953, to Kenneth and Joan Coble. She married Kirk Smith on June 9, 1978, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper.

She was a Jasper High School graduate

Denise worked retail at K-Mart, the Jasper Middle School as an instructional assistant, and later as a librarian at the Jasper Community Library.

When Denise had free time, she read. She loved to read.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Kirk Smith, and daughter Megan Smith, both of Jasper; and sister, Debbie Coble.

A visitation for Denise M. Smith will be held 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the Becher Kluesner downtown chapel in Jasper. A private burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jasper Community Library.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
[email@becherkluesner.com](mailto:email@becherkluesner.com)

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Denise was a neighbor for many years, and her mom and my mom were very close friends. Her death is truly a shock to me, and I know how much she will be missed by her family. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Hugs to you, Debbie!

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**Deb Stemle** - February 03 at 06:43 PM

GB

“ Kirk, Megan, Debbie  
So very sorry for the loss of Denise. I was heartbroken to read that she passed away. In all the years at JMS and in later years I never saw her without a smile. She was the most loving, caring and patient person to students and anyone she came in contact with, always putting others first. More recently whenever we would see each other we had very pleasant conversations. She was the sweetest and kindest person and I will never forget her. My sympathy and prayers go out to you and everyone who knew and loved her! RIP Denise.

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**Gloria Bueltel** - February 03 at 07:01 AM

MS

“ Neecy, this world is a sadder place without you in it. Although we hadn't seen each other in years, I often think of all the fun we used to have. May God bless your family and help them to bear their sorrow.

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**Marge Smith** - February 02 at 10:45 PM

BB

“ *The world has just lost a golden angel. Worked with her and couldn't ask for a better co worker. Will miss her at the library. Sorry for your loss She was one beautiful caring soul.*

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**Brenda Beck** - February 02 at 05:50 PM

JK

“ *What a legacy she leaves. Never, ever did I see her without a smile on her face. One of the nicest humans ever. Thank you Denise...now fly; you've earned your wings. My condolences to her friends and family. Godspeed.*



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**Joan Knies** - February 02 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ *Denise was a sweet soul of a person. I have fond memories of her through junior high and high school. My sincere condolences to Kirk and family, and Debbie as well.*

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**Joe Schlachter** - January 31 at 05:21 PM



“ *Deb Denu-Goeppner lit a candle in memory of Denise M. Smith*



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**Deb Denu-Goeppner** - January 31 at 03:11 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Kirk and Megan.  
Denise was a lovely person.*



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**Chris Bohnert Hinkle** - January 31 at 09:58 AM

KS

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I worked with Denise at the Jasper Day  
Care many years ago. She was the most kind, caring, and loving  
lady. May her soul Rest in Peace. Kathy Sivori*

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**Kathy Sivori** - January 31 at 09:33 AM

CT

“ *Curt & Dorothy Tyler lit a candle in memory of  
Denise M. Smith*



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**Curt & Dorothy Tyler** - January 30 at 08:32 PM

TL

“ *Kirk, Megan, Debi  
I am so sorry for your loss! Denise was an angel to all she  
encountered! She had a huge heart full of caring and compassion  
for others!  
I truly cherish all our wonderful memories at JMS together! She was  
a very special lady! She will be truly missed here but is singing with  
the angels! You are all in my thoughts and prayers!*

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**Theresa Luebbehusen** - January 30 at 06:30 PM

JK

*Denise was such a great person and friend. We attended several class reunions together. I know that she will be dearly missed.*

**John Klingel** - January 30 at 09:33 PM

PK

“ *Pat Kay lit a candle in memory of Denise M. Smith*



**Pat Kay** - January 30 at 04:30 PM

PK

*Sweetheart of a person Rest In Peace my friend* ❤️❤️❤️

**Pat Kay** - January 30 at 04:32 PM



“ *Nancy Hotz lit a candle in memory of Denise M. Smith*



**Nancy Hotz** - January 30 at 04:25 PM



*She was always so sweet to talk to!* ❤️

**Nancy Hotz** - January 30 at 04:25 PM

DG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Denise was a sweetheart and had a big heart. Worked lot of years with her at Kmart. Prayers for the family.*

**Donna Krodel Gilbreath** - January 30 at 04:24 PM

DZ

“ Kirk, I am so sorry for the loss of your wife. May you surround yourself with loved ones at this time. I will hold you in my heart.

Deanna Zehr - January 30 at 04:16 PM

LM

“ Denise was a blessing to all who were privilege to have known her. I have very fond memories of working with Denise at Jasper Public Library. Sending my deepest sympathy to her husband and daughter.

Lisa McWilliams - January 30 at 03:55 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Denise and I shared many “book talks” at the Jasper library. I will miss her. Many prayers for her family and friends. Janet Howe

Janet Howe - January 30 at 03:48 PM

CK

“ So sorry to hear the loss of your wife, mother, and sister. She was a wonderful coworker and friend. Prayers and hugs are sent to you all. She will be missed❤️

Chris Krodel - January 30 at 03:42 PM

LM

“ Kirk, Ron and I are so very sorry for your loss. Your Denise was thoughtful and kind. You, Megan and all who love Denise will be in our prayers. Sending you a big hug across the miles.



Lisa Miller - January 30 at 03:42 PM