



Joan A. Schwenk

August 22, 1940 - November 29, 2024

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Joan A. Schwenk, age 84 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 8:07 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2024 at home with her devoted husband of 54 years by her side.

Joan was born in St. Anthony, Indiana, on August 22, 1940 to Arthur J. and Lorene Rose (Blessinger) Fischer. She married Louis Schwenk on August 13, 1970 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in St. Anthony, Indiana.

A 1958 graduate of Jasper High School, Joan furthered her education at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, where she completed a Masters Degree in Library Science. Her lifelong love of learning would continue by attending the IU Mini University for over 20 years, several with her beloved daughter, Lisa. A proud, enthusiastic supporter of IU sports, Joan traveled to Pasadena, California, while in college to cheer on her Hoosiers in the 1968 Rose Bowl.

She worked as a librarian and taught history at schools in Ireland and 5th Street School in Jasper. After thirteen years in the classroom, she was later employed at Kimball Electronics and the Personal Finance Company. She

also was part-owner of Fischer's Book Store on the square for 30 years.

She was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church since 1976. A devout Catholic her entire life, she rarely missed church – even when travelling abroad. She was a member of the Ladies Sodality and took great pride in helping in the kitchen for the church picnics.

She was a 60-year member of the Women of the Jasper Moose Lodge #1175. She was also a member of the Jasper Art Guild, the Dubois County Historical Society, the Ireland Historical Society and the Dubois County Museum. Genealogy was a life time passion which she passed on to her daughter. A student of history and an avid reader her entire life, she also had a deep appreciation for poetry, writing poems about her beloved Grandmother Catherine Fischer and the barn on the farm where she was raised. She was an ardent lover of flowers, plants, trees and animals and always enjoyed her walks on the River Walk.

She traveled the world with her husband and daughter. Together, they visited all 50 states and traveled abroad to Germany, Italy, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Austria, Slovakia, Spain, Portugal and Canada. In the later years, trips were closer to home together with Lisa's husband, Tom. Another one of her joys was visiting a casino.

Joan was raised on a farm and was the oldest of eight children. She loved spending time, talking and playing cards with her brothers and sisters who were her world. For over 40 years, she hosted the Thanksgiving gatherings for her family at her home. Meals were followed by lively card games.

She is survived by her husband, Louis Schwenk, Jasper, IN, her daughter, Lisa Ritel (Tom), Bloomington, IN, two sisters, Marilyn C. English (Richard), Vincennes, IN, and Ramona A. Roach (Dale), Bloomfield, IN, one brother,

Gerald L. Fischer (Jane), Jasper, IN, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two sisters, Donna E. Fischer, and Diane M. Fischer, and two brothers, David J. Fischer, and Jim W. Fischer.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Joan A. Schwenk will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow at the St. Mary's Church Cemetery in Ireland, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at the church on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dubois County Humane Society, Precious Blood Catholic Church, or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Ireland, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1385 W 6th St
Jasper, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Louie, Lisa, Tom and family,
We are saddened to hear about Joan's passing. Our hearts go out to everyone that we know will feel the void of not having her near. May the wonderful memories of your times together with family gatherings and your many fun and wonderful travels and adventures bring smiles to your hearts each time she comes to mind ❤️
Your cousin,
Sharon & Jerry Wilkus
Medford, Oregon

sharon & Jerry Wilkus - December 05, 2024 at 01:41 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy to Louie and family. I'm sorry I can't be at WOTM funeral service as I will be out of town. Rest in peace 🙏

Donna Mathies - December 03, 2024 at 08:56 PM

JS

“ Louis and Lisa,
So sorry to hear of Joan's passing.
Thank you for always being such good neighbors!!! Our sympathy goes out to both of you. May Joan rest in peace.
Julie and Danny Schutz



Julia E Schutz - December 01, 2024 at 09:00 PM

JF

So sorry for your lost. She was a wonderful lady

Judith Fluckey - December 02, 2024 at 10:00 AM