



Kathleen "Kathy" Wanninger

March 25, 1946 - April 18, 2025

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Kathleen "Kathy" Wanninger, age 79, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 12:02 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway in Evansville, Indiana.

Kathy was born in Jasper, Indiana, on March 25, 1946, to Clement and Cornelia (Schulte) Welp. She married Joe Wanninger on June 25, 1966, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

She was a 1964 graduate of Jasper High School.

She was a lifetime homemaker, and she was a devoted wife, mother, and friend to all she met. She first worked at Kimball Electronics and then worked at Home Interiors for eight years and the jewelry department at Kmart for eight years. She had been the cafeteria manager at Fifth Street School in Jasper, Indiana, and retired after 26 years. She loved managing the chili suppers for the PTO before the football games; she is known by many for her chili.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, where she helped with the Parish Press and church picnic, was a member of the

bereavement committee, and was a 57-year member of the Ladies Sodality. She was also a member of the Jasper D of I and the Sunset Extension Homemaker's Club. She and her husband were members of the Jasper German Club and Sister Cities since 1987; they were instrumental in helping with the pastry booth at the Jasper Strassenfest. They hosted German Exchange students and many groups from Pfaffenweiler and Munich, from which they made lifelong friends that became a part of their family. She was a big supporter of the American Red Cross, and was a faithful donor, donating every 45 days.

Kathy loved going on trips, as she and her husband traveled to all 50 states and 13 countries. She enjoyed camping, spending time at Beaver Lake and the farm, attending the performances at VUJC and the Lincoln State Park Amphitheatre, gardening, canning, cooking, playing cards, and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren and attending all of their activities and events. Her friends were dear to her heart and she religiously met with a group of lifetime friends once a month for lunch at the Schnitzelbank.

Surviving are her husband, Joe Wanninger, Jasper, IN, four children, Christine (Paul) Shafer, Evansville, IN, Kurt (Tami) Wanninger, Westfield, IN, Jason (Amy) Wanninger, Jasper, IN, and Mike (Tina) Wanninger, Clinton, IN, 12 grandchildren, Mary Jane, Jonathan, Laura, and Catherine Shafer, Samantha and Josh Wanninger, Ethan, Madeline, Abe, and Ruby Wanninger, and Isaac and Haley Wanninger, one brother, Don (Joan) Welp, Jasper, IN, one brother-in-law, Frank (Mary) Senninger, Ireland, IN, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death, are one grandson, Samuel Joseph Shafer, one sister, Darlene Senninger, and one brother, Gene (LaVerne) Welp.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Kathleen "Kathy" Wanninger will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Holy Family Catholic Church with

entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The Ladies Sodality of Holy Family and the Jasper D of I will pray a combined rosary at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church Endowment Fund or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR 24. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

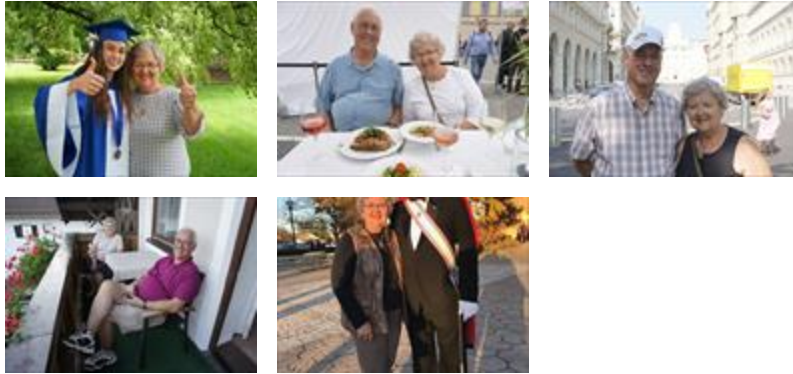
APR 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

KW

“ 83 files added to the album *Memories with Wifem, Mom, Grandma, and Friend*



Kurt Wanninger - May 06, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JK

“ *My condolences to all of you. She was a sweet lady.*

Joan Eckerle Knies - April 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM

KH

“ *Our sincere condolences to the whole Family of Kathy. So sad, that we will not meet her any more this Summer in Jasper. But her friendly smile will be in our Memory for ever!*
Karin Horst, Pfaffenweiler

Karin Horst - April 24, 2025 at 04:04 PM

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“ Our condolences and deepest sympathies to Joe, Jason, Chris and the entire Wanninger family. We are so sorry for your loss. Joe and his family are in our prayers. Kathy was such a lovely and caring friend. We have such cherished memories of our mutual visits. May Kathy rest in peace in God’s loving arms. Love Sonja & Harry Clauss with Nina & Leila and Heinz Hueppe and Clemens & family



Sonja & Harry Clauss - April 24, 2025 at 12:39 PM

MR

“ Deepest sympathy to Joe n the rest of the family. I met Kathy through working at Electronics with Joe. She was a very sweet lady. Prayers for the family

Marilyn S. Rasche - April 23, 2025 at 08:18 PM

MP

“ We wish the entire Wanninger family our heartfelt condolences.

Even though I was only allowed to get to know Kathy for a short time, I got to know her as such a nice and caring person, she gained a place in my heart.

Maria Pfefferle - April 23, 2025 at 04:00 AM



“ Our condolences and deepest sympathies to Joe, Chris, Jason, Amy, Ethan and the entire family! We are sorry for your loss. Prayers!

KurtMalana Hedinger - April 22, 2025 at 07:51 PM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss, Linda Chambers

Linda Chambers - April 21, 2025 at 01:47 PM

AO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.
She was a lovely lady.



Ann L Obermeier - April 21, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ Carol (Wagner)Medlock sent a virtual gift in
memory of Kathleen "Kathy" Wanninger



Carol (Wagner)Medlock - April 21, 2025 at 12:17 PM

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“ Carol (Wagner)Medlock lit a candle in
memory of Kathleen "Kathy" Wanninger



Carol (Wagner)Medlock - April 21, 2025 at 12:17 PM

WS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Wanninger and Welp families. Kathy was a kind, caring lady and classmate. Always happy and ready to help anyone. May she rest 🙏 in the arms of God.

Wanda Schmitt - April 21, 2025 at 12:15 PM

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I remember when Kathy and Joe lived in our upstairs apartment. Kathy would bake cookies for me and my brothers and sisters. Kathy was such a nice and caring woman. Joe is also a nice and caring man. May rest in peace in God's loving arms.

Carol (Wagner)Medlock - April 23, 2025 at 11:14 AM

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May Kathy rest in peace in God's loving arms. Joe and his family are in my prayers 🙏✝️

Carol (Wagner)Medlock - April 23, 2025 at 11:16 AM