



Sue Kempf

February 1, 1937 - January 6, 2026

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Sue Kempf, age 88, of St. Anthony, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 8:41 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana.

Sue was born in Jasper, Indiana, on February 1, 1937, to Robert and Amy (Pinnick) Ackerman. She married her husband of 65 years, Charles W. Kempf on August 9, 1959, at St. Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He preceded her in death on December 6, 2024.

She was a 1955 graduate of Jasper High School.

Sue enjoyed traveling, visiting casinos, and shopping for her beloved great-grandchildren, whom she adored. She also cherished simple pleasures, especially driving around with her faithful dog, Trouble, by her side. She was deeply patriotic and stayed well informed on current political events. She was the proud number-one fan of Todd Kempf Racing and truly embraced life, living it to the fullest.

That same love and dedication carried into the life she built alongside her

husband. Charlie and Sue were the founders of Kempf Excavating, Inc., a three-generation, family-owned and operated business that has served the county for 48 years. Together, they built not only a successful company but a lasting family legacy rooted in hard work and family values, which will continue into the future. They were also former owners of the Brown Derby in Schnellville, Indiana, fondly remembered for its delicious food and popular Saturday night shooting matches, which brought friends, family, and neighbors together.

Sue was a member of Divine Mercy Parish – St. Anthony Catholic Church. She was also a supporter of the St. Anthony American Legion Post #493, VFW Post #673, Schnellville Conservation Club, YMI of Huntingburg, and the St. Anthony Conservation Club.

Surviving are six children, Scott (Jackie) Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, Michelle (Joe) VanWye, Ashley, IN, Terry Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, Kris (Bret) Gutsell, Schnellville, IN, Todd (Cynthia) Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, Kurt Kempf, St. Anthony, IN, 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, a set of twin great-grandchildren on the way, one sister, Linda (Jim) Ruhe, Ferdinand, IN, and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her husband is one brother, Robert “Bobby” Ackerman Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sue Kempf will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in St. Anthony, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church on Monday from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made to Divine Mercy Parish or to the wishes of the family.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony of Padua Church Cemetery

4444 Ohio Street
St. Anthony, IN 47575

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JAN 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
4444 Ohio Street
St. Anthony, IN 47575

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ While working for Kempf Excavating, driving K-7 for several years, Sue would come out when I came back to the shop and she would just shoot the breeze for awhile, always interested in the day to day activities of the business at hand and us drivers. My condolences to the Kempf family at this sorrowful time.

Joseph Schlachter - January 11 at 12:29 PM



Sue was a classmate of mine. Class of 1955. I and my family will keep your family in our prayers.

Ambrose Lee Hoffman - January 13 at 04:59 PM

DM

“ <https://www.facebook.com/karen.nordhoff/videos/10212134936194165>

Sue loved The High Road. She always made sure I played her favorite CCR song. This one's for you Sue.

Duane Meyer - January 11 at 11:09 AM

JL

“ I am so Thankful that us Horton Kids got to visit with Aunt Susie at Patoka Lake Campground Labor Day Weekend. We were all there. Enjoyed seeing you too Kris! I myself haven't seen Aunt Susie in a very long time. She was still that energized little Firecracker! She was sweet and funny. I always loved visiting at the Farm when we were Kids. She and Uncle Charlie were so cool! She was one of a Kind. She always made us feel welcome. I remember that she was always smiling and laughing. She will be missed. She will always be by your side. Always watching over all of you. Uncle Charlie, Mom, Dad, and all of the Relatives are with her now. She is with the Angels. Much Love to all of you, Jane Horton Layne.

Janie Layne - January 09 at 05:41 PM

MD

“ I enjoyed visiting with Sue at our 1955 JHS 70th class reunion in Sept. We prided ourselves being two of four female classmates present with sixteen men classmates there! Sue was such a friendly and kind lady and I am so sad to hear of her passing. Sincere sympathy to all of her family. Marilyn Klein Dittmer

Marilyn Dittmer - January 08 at 04:59 PM

BT

“ I am saddened to hear of Sue's passing. My condolences to all her family and friends. Treasure your memories of her.



Betty Turner - January 08 at 11:43 AM

LD

“ We are so sorry on the sudden loss of your dear mother and my aunt Sue. She was an inspiration in her courage to speak her mind, her thoughtfulness in taking my brother, husband and me to see our great great grandparents log cabin, and the great fun we had at the casinos with her and cousins in Atlantic City and West Baden and her lucky talent at winning rubbing off on me there for my first big win ever! I was amazed at her great energy and vitality in living life. So many treasured memories of her and Uncle Charlie from the Brown Derby as kids and at their farm with all of you cousins. It is a huge loss for you all. God bless each one of you. Sending love and support in this difficult time.

Linda and Dennis - January 07 at 07:47 PM

CA

“ Condolences to all on the loss of Sue. You all are in thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. The loss of a mother and sister is devastating but you have memories to treasure.

Camilla Allen



Camilla Allen - January 07 at 03:14 PM