



Kathleen Marie Ochs

April 3, 1945 - December 6, 2025

Kathleen Marie Ochs,

Indianapolis, IN – Kathleen “Kathy” Marie Ochs, 80, a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2025. She was born on April 3, 1945, to the late Everett L. and Mary Ellen (Shewman) Casterline. Kathy was a proud graduate of Sacred Heart High School, where she made lifelong friends. In 1973, she married the love of her life, Ronald Ochs, and together they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and family. She worked for many years as a bank teller for AFNB, where her kindness and cheerful personality made her a favorite among customers and coworkers alike.

Kathy had a gift for making every place she touched feel warm and welcoming. She loved gardening and could often be found outside tending to her flowers – especially her sun patients planted in the window well by the driveway. When she wasn’t in the garden, she enjoyed relaxing with a good puzzle or playing card games like euchre with family and friends. Some of her favorite moments were spent around the table laughing and playing Skippo with her Sisters and Flow – where her competitive streak always showed, and she was known to “bend the rules” just a little if it meant winning. These were times creating memories that always ended with smiles and stories to tell and full of laughter. She was a longtime member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (formerly St. Bernadette Catholic Church) and a proud member of the Red Hat Society. Her faith and friendships were central to her life, and she

brought joy and humor wherever she went.

Kathy is survived by her devoted husband of 52 years, Ronald Ochs; her children, Kelly L. Michael (Scott Wood), Robb D. Ochs (Scott Deal), and Ronda M. Ochs; grandchildren, Lauren Ligon (Nate), Emily Read (Paul), Ben Ochs, Alexandra Cook (Tyler), John Ochs, Nash Ochs-Wald, and Wyatt Ochs-Wald; her sisters, Juldy Shackelford (Larry), Kay Dufek (John), and Mary Jane Fleenor; her brother, Steve Casterline; and four great-grandchildren who brought her so much happiness.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 5333 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Kathy will be remembered for her warmth, humor, and the love she poured into her family and friend – and for how she made even the simplest moments feel special.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Our deepest condolences to Robb, Scott, and the entire Ochs family on the passing of Kathleen “Kathy” Marie Ochs.

May you find comfort in the many cherished memories you shared with her, and in knowing that her life and legacy touched so many. Please know that the entire Asphalt Solutions team is holding your family close in our thoughts during this difficult time.

*With sincere sympathy,
Asphalt Solutions*

Asphalt Solutions - December 19, 2025 at 11:16 AM

CC

“ Back in the AFNB days, Kathy trained me as a teller. She made the job enjoyable with her playful personality. It was always a joy to see her again throughout the years when our paths crossed thru mutual friends. She will be welcomed into heaven by many of those friends that have already passed. Oh, the stories they told!! Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Connie Covert - December 17, 2025 at 09:40 AM

DW

“ Kathleen, was a wonderful person she was always the life of the party!!
She will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Robert and Diana Worth



Diana Worth - December 16, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DF

“ DCA Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



DCA Family - December 16, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



December 16, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



December 16, 2025 at 09:26 AM

LC

“ Leona C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Marie Ochs.

Leona C. - December 16, 2025 at 08:40 AM

LB

“ Love, Erin, Sherri, Nicole & Blake.. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathleen Marie Ochs.

Love, Erin, Sherri, Nicole & Blake.. - December 13, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



December 13, 2025 at 04:09 PM

FN

“ I grew up with Kathy on Sanders Street. Kathy coached kickball from the time I was on the "little" team until I progressed to the "big" team. Saint Patrick's won our division title during my eighth grade year.

Kathy, Mrs. Casterline, Steve, Mary Jane, and Mr. Casterline were always kind helpful neighbors to my family across the street. Mrs. Casterline made wonderful beef and noodles. Kathy remained my friend for many years beyond Sanders Street. During college I worked with Kathy on and off at AFNB bank. I remember the hectic lunches getting back from lunch in time to reopen your window.

It was my good fortune to call Kathy a friend. She is missed.

Marie Witcher Nessler

Florence Marie Nessler - December 13, 2025 at 02:33 PM

MF

“ Marie Weller and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



Marie Weller and family - December 11, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



December 11, 2025 at 09:56 AM

JS

“ Joseph Shewman lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Marie Ochs



Joseph Shewman - December 10, 2025 at 10:18 PM

JS

Always brought a smile to my face whenever I was privileged to be in her company.

Joseph Shewman - December 10, 2025 at 10:19 PM

PK

“ Phil and kathy knight purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



Phil and kathy knight - December 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM

J@

“ Jamie & Tom @Procru purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



Jamie & Tom @Procru - December 09, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



December 09, 2025 at 01:59 PM

LR

“ Love, Scottie,Angie,Bailey,Santana & Ray purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathleen Marie Ochs.



Love, Scottie,Angie,Bailey,Santana & Ray - December 09, 2025 at 01:30 PM

TS

“ Terry Schaedel lit a candle in memory of
Kathleen Marie Ochs



Terry Schaedel - December 08, 2025 at 10:08 PM