



## Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman

July 17, 1953 - September 19, 2024

Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman,

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, Kathy Pohlman, loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend passed away at the age of 71 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kathy was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, the only child of Herbert J. and Lois (Gregory) Hinkle. She attended Lawrence Central High School and graduated with the class of 1971. Soon after graduation, Kathy moved to San Diego with her husband, Rick Pohlman, after getting married at just 18 years old. They moved back to Indiana shortly after Rick finished his military service and remained there until just last year. She had two children, Shannon and Rich, to whom she devoted her full time until they were in school. In fact, she liked their preschool (Learning Time) so much, she decided to stay for more than 35 years working to help it grow from a few classrooms in a church to three independent centers across Indianapolis. In late 2023 she and Rick moved from their native Indiana to the mountains of Monument, Colorado.

Kathy was smart and sassy, much younger than her 71 years, with a wicked sense of humor, quick wit, and a genuine laugh. She loved to stay in touch with family and friends and could talk on the phone for hours. She could be a “girly girl” with her makeup, moisturizer, wardrobe, a little harmless gossip, and, of course, standing appointments with her hair stylist. And then there was her shopping. Not a shopaholic, but definitely an enthusiastic shopper and gift giver who knew how to make a room sparkle with smiles on Christmas

morning.

Kathy was also curious and cultured. A voracious reader, always up on current events. She also enjoyed live musical performances (especially when family members were involved). And once her husband Rick could pry her away from her faithful pups, she thoroughly enjoyed her vacations and international travel and felt grateful for the experiences. She also loved her gym and classes in New Palestine, Indiana. The friends she saw there regularly kept her buoyant through difficult times.

But nothing made Kathy happier than to be surrounded by family, good friends, and the many dogs she had throughout her life. She and Rick frequently hosted holiday dinners, with Rick doing the cooking and she taste-testing while skillfully keeping folks out of his way. These two were absolute partners in every aspect of life.

Kathy adored her kids and grandkids and was fiercely proud of her fun-loving, globe-trotting, accomplished, close-knit family. She was devoted and loyal to family and friends. Lest you think we were always angelic and worthy of such devotion, be assured we were not always so. But she loved us. She accepted us as we are. That may be her sweetest, kindest legacy and certainly a life lesson for us all.

You who are reading this and know her, will readily attest to her kindness and other loveable qualities. Hopefully, you will remember the good times you shared with her and have a smile. She was wonderful. To us, Kathy is irreplaceable and already greatly missed. If it's possible to do, she will undoubtedly haunt us playfully, reminding us to exercise (and then sneak a piece of chocolate), and host us each for dinner when it's our turn to join her. A Celebration of Life will be Friday, October 11, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with sentiments being shared from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7243 East 10th Street, with visitation one hour prior. Interment will immediately follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

Kathy is survived by her beloved high school sweetheart and devoted husband of 52 years, Richard I. Pohlman, Jr.; her cherished children, Shannon (Brett) Lakes and Richard I. Pohlman III (Ingrid Andersson); her treasured grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Mia Lakes, and Blue and Jesse Pohlman; and her constant companion (goodest boy) Finn. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her faithful dogs, Toby, Maggie, Mika, Casey, and Tucker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in honor of Kathy to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Brief Sentiments

OCT 11. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT 12. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
7243 East 10th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

## Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

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OCT **12.** 9:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
7243 East 10th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.*



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October 11, 2024 at 05:44 AM



“ *My very first crush was in 6th grade at Brook Park Elementary--on Kathy Hinkle.*

*I clearly remember riding my bike to Devington Shopping Center to buy her Christmas present, a small cross necklace. After wrapping it, I rode to her house, nervously gave it to her, and kissed her on the cheek (also my first).*

*I believe that one always has a special place in their hearts for their first crush. I know that place in my heart has always been there for Kathy.*

*It has been such a joy to see Rick and Kathy over all these years at our high school reunions. I'm almost certain they were the longest married couple in our class! How wonderful!*

*At our reunions, Kathy was so happy, funny, and engaging. We will all miss her laugh and we'll all miss her smile.*

*Please know that my prayers are with you, Rick, and your entire family.*

*Bob Colver*

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**Bob Colver** - October 10, 2024 at 09:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.



October 09, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ MVPCS Board of Directors purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.



MVPCS Board of Directors - October 09, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ MVPCS Board of Directors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.

MVPCS Board of Directors - October 09, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.



October 09, 2024 at 06:38 PM

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“ Andersson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.

Andersson family - October 09, 2024 at 06:38 PM

MB

“ Shannon, I will always remember her making us chocolate covered peanuts whenever you had a sleepover, she was always so kind and welcoming. All of you are in my prayers. I am glad she got to spend the last year in Colorado with you. Cherish the good memories, they will get you thru your time of sorrow. Love you guys...Missy

Missy Behrman - October 09, 2024 at 04:22 PM

LB

“ Love always...Missy Behrman purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.



Love always...Missy Behrman - October 09, 2024 at 04:16 PM

LB

“ Love always...Missy Behrman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.

Love always...Missy Behrman - October 09, 2024 at 04:16 PM

TF

“ *The Oberlies Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.*



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**The Oberlies Family** - October 08, 2024 at 07:57 PM

TF

“ *The Oberlies Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.*

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**The Oberlies Family** - October 08, 2024 at 07:57 PM

LM

“ *Luis & Cindy Moore purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.*



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**Luis & Cindy Moore** - October 08, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.*



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October 07, 2024 at 08:14 PM

“ A Note to Kathy

*At this heartbreaking time, I am reminded of so many memories we have shared for over 50 years, both personally and at Learning Time. Your first days at Learning Time were as a mom of two precious children and then a loving preschool teacher. As the years passed, you played a huge role in the growth and success of our schools. Your support for the children, the families, and our staff never wavered, and the relationships you formed have been long lasting. Your opinions and advice were always valued, and a decision was rarely made with out “let’s run it by Kathy.” You were always by my side during difficult situations and offered your thoughtfulness and love. These times will never be forgotten.*

*As for me personally, I remember we never missed a birthday or Christmas lunch, often with our dearly departed friend, Toula. I will miss your phone calls and text messages that usually started with “Good Morning Sunshine”. You always brightened my day. I remember how I admired you, as you bravely confronted your own health issues, then supported Ricks difficult times. I will never forget how you firmly refused to leave your mothers side during her last days.*

*I know how happy you were with your move to Colorado, and how you looked forward to being closer to Shannon and sharing the experiences of your wonderful grandchildren. You mentioned a recent trip to DC to visit with Rich and his family and so enjoyed the time with your grandchildren.*

*I spoke with you on your birthday, telling you the gift I had for you would be late. You said that was fine, your birthday could just “go on and on”. I thought it would. You were excited that Shannon was taking you to the Cheesecake Factory for your birthday, a restaurant you always enjoyed for our birthday lunches.*

*I knew I would miss you after you moved, but I knew you were just a phone call or flight away. I wasn’t expecting that to end so soon.*

*And so my dear, dear, friend, rest in peace, knowing you will always be remembered and loved by Jim and I, as well as by the many lives you touched throughout the years. Our thoughts and love will always be with Rick, Shannon, Rich and their families.*

*I love you. Jan*

Tracy McClarnon - October 07, 2024 at 09:44 AM

MG

“ *Kathy always gave us such a warm welcome when came to visit for the Christmas holidays. She was filled with love and I'll never forget that unique laugh. Kathy and her family were always so generous and friendly it didn't matter if they saw you last week or last year. She will surely be missed. Prayers to the family as I know she will watch over all of us!* 🙏❤️😊

Martin Joseph Gregory - October 01, 2024 at 04:45 PM

TH

“ *My the Lord bless you all. Just knowing Kathy is with God at this time.*

Tom & Bernie Heim - October 01, 2024 at 08:36 AM

MP

“ *So sorry for your loss Rick, cherish those memories.* ❤️🙏 *Mike Podgorski*

mike podgorski - September 30, 2024 at 09:35 AM

JS

“ I met Kathy in the crying room at church when her son and my youngest daughter were babies. I have considered her a dear friend ever since. We compared stories of our children and grands as they grew into adults. We were present to celebrate joys and sorrows in our families lives with each other. Kathy was always supportive and caring. Her love of Rick, her children, and grandchildren was always a priority to her. Sharing a cruise and many dinners out over the years will always be loving memories. Our visit to Colorado last year let us experience her joy of being able to share more time with family. I will always be grateful that she experienced that time close to family. Kathy will be greatly missed by me and her family. ❤️

Judy Schommer - September 27, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathy Jill (Hinkle) Pohlman.



September 27, 2024 at 01:52 PM

SB

“ I'm so very sorry to see this. I went to high school with Kathy and Rick, and always enjoyed seeing them at our reunions. She was such a fun person to be around; with a great sense of humor and delightful memories from our years at LC. I will be out of town on October 11th and won't be able to attend the service, but I will be thinking of you all. My prayers for comfort and peace for Rick and all her family and friends.  
~ Sandy (Hall) Blanton

Sandy (Hall) Blanton - September 26, 2024 at 03:46 PM

IA

“ Kathy was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend who accepted us all and was empathetic and kind. She will be missed.

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**Ingrid Andersson** - September 25, 2024 at 12:03 PM

MV

“ Kathy was such a beautiful person and will be missed by so many people. We all loved her and the Pohlman family. We have memories that go way back with the kids and Rick and Kathy. Getting together for a quick dinner to catch up was always fun and full of laughs. The adults Spending New Years Eve together but then we pulled all our kids together at a local Hotel and spent two more night's together because we were having so much fun. What a great time and fun way to start out the New Year. Her laughs made you smile and laugh along with her. She shared the excitement of the move they were getting ready to make to Monument Colorado last year. Six of us being close friends met for lunch and you could see the sparkle in her eyes when she told about this new home overlooking the mountains. She was very happy. We love you Kathy, Rick, Shannon & Rich. God bless all of you, Mark & Melody Valenti

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**Mark & Melody Valenti** - September 24, 2024 at 08:48 PM