



## Laura Jean Wykes

November 2, 1949 - February 7, 2024

Laura Jean Wykes,

74, of Indianapolis, passed away February 7, 2024. She was born November 2, 1949 in Swedesboro, NJ, to the late Martin Sibson and Violet E. (Clark) Wykes. Laura received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and her Master's Degree in Public Health from Indiana Wesleyan University. She was a nurse for the Marion County Health Department for many years where she was a Care Coordination Nurse for pregnant women in the community, helped with the Tuberculosis clinic, and visited area schools where she taught Five-A-Day Nutrition Programs. Laura always cared so much for the well-being of others, always wanting to know how someone was doing and provide them with support, insights, or actions to help them. This character of hers transcended both professional and personal realms of her life. Laura was a very active longtime member of Christ Lutheran Church. Among engagement in many church activities, she learned sign language so she could assist in signing the sermons for the deaf congregation.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 345 N. Kitley Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219, with a luncheon to follow.

Laura is survived by her brother, Martin S. Wykes, Jr. (Dianne); sister, Cynthia Helen Wykes; nephews, Steven M. Wykes (Janalyn), Edward A. Wykes (Christy Hill), Darryl Costello, Bradley Costello, and Anthony Costello; and nieces, Brittney Costello and Sarah Costello.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Christ Lutheran Church, 345 N. Kitley Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Lutheran Church  
345 North Kitley Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN

# Tribute Wall

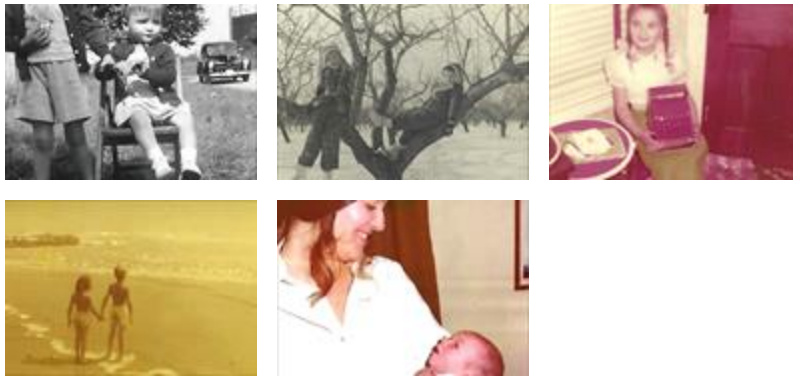
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“ I knew Laura from work at the health department. She was a wonderful nurse and came to my home and took care of me everyday following a surgery. I often enjoyed going to her house to enjoy a cup of tea. She will be missed.

Denise E Ferguson - March 14, 2024 at 09:28 AM

MW

“ 6 files added to the album Laura young girl



Martin Wykes - March 11, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laura Jean Wykes.



March 09, 2024 at 09:03 AM

DC

“ Laura and I have been great friends, roommates, classmates, and lunch buddies since 1974. We have celebrated many family birthdays and graduations together over the years. Im so thankful God brought our lives together and we have shared this journey!! Your friendship has been a blessing to me. I will miss you terribly

Diann Cary - February 16, 2024 at 12:20 PM

MW

“ After our Mom and Dad passed, Laura would visit her younger sister, Cindy and spent Christmas with her family. It became a tradition, giving gifts and playing games with the kids and later Bradey and Tiffney's children, many fond memories. They will sorely miss her as well as all of us.

Martin Wykes - February 13, 2024 at 09:02 AM

NE

Thru Marty, who always looked out for others, I got to travel with Laura on a most memorable trip to Israel, quite a few years ago. He knew Laura wanted to go, but not by herself. I worked with Marty at the time and he arranged it. Great memory.  
Nellie Benjamin

Nellie - February 13, 2024 at 10:37 AM

SW

My aunt Laura Jean always had a great big heart open to helping others while also having a witty sense of humor. During my first couple of years of college she allowed me to live at her house and I got to know her well. My best friends (several of my fraternity brothers) still fondly remember times at her house and the good political discussions, etc. she would have with us with a humorous bent. While we will greatly miss her, we know that she is home with the lord which comforts us greatly. Sincerely, Steve Wykes

Steve M Wykes - February 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM

PK

*Laura was a good friend to me, starting when I was “a newbie” at her office. It was a joy to be around her, whether at work, in her home, or enjoying leisure time with her.*

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**Paula Kassig** - March 17, 2024 at 08:08 AM