



Dena Jo Bills

May 2, 1952 - November 7, 2022

Dena Jo Bills passed away on Monday, November 7th, 2022. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 2nd, 1952, the daughter of the late Herbert and Melba Jones.

In December of 1973, Dena married Mark Jay Bills in Raleigh Christian Church, and they then moved to Falmouth, Indiana where they raised their three children.

She graduated from Purdue University in 1973 with her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and from Ball State University in 1988 with a Master of Arts in Gerontology.

She was an accomplished local leader for nutrition and community care. She started a dietetics consulting business which she operated for over ten years, serving elder care facilities and patients across Indiana. She led the Dietary Department at Rush Memorial Hospital for nearly 20 years, transforming how it operated and served Rush County through a variety of innovative programs. She also built Rush County's first comprehensive education and nutrition program to improve the health of those who suffer from diabetes.

More than any of her professional achievements, Dena was most proud of the three children she raised alongside the love of her life, Mark. She collected innumerable cookbooks and enjoyed baking, especially at the holidays with her children and grandchildren. She loved to devour a good romance novel while enjoying a Pepsi in her reclining chair.

Survivors include her husband, Mark; three children, Robert (Nia) Bills of

Bristow, Virginia, Alana Bills of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jonathan (Michelle) Bills of Springboro, Ohio; five grandchildren, Samuel, Eleanor, and Natalie Bills all of Bristow, Virginia; Mark and Benjamin Bills both of Springboro, Ohio; three brothers, Jay (Brenda) Jones of Loveland, Ohio, Mark (Cathie) Jones of Richland, Washington, and David (Ingrid) Jones of Ketchikan, Alaska, her sister, Susan (Dan) Kelly of Bay City, Michigan; her sister-in-law, Sheryl Bills Heckler of Clifton, Virginia; and her brother-in-law, Phil Leisure of Carthage, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Mary Bills; and sisters-in-law, Judy Leisure and Marilyn Jones.

Friends may visit from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 11th, 2022 at Moster Mortuary in Rushville, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 12th, 2022 at Moster Mortuary. Burial will be held at the Raleigh Zion Cemetery in Raleigh, Indiana, immediately following the funeral

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community Assistance Food Pantry, located in Rushville, Indiana (765-932-4379, 109 East 3rd St, Rushville, Indiana, 46173).

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **11.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Service

NOV **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Dena and worked together at Rush Memorial for a year or two. She was the hardest working and most dedicated dietitian I’ve ever met.* ”



Claire Duggins - April 25, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Dena Jo Bills* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

BO

“ *Bills Obiuary lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Bills* ”



Bills Obiuary - January 02, 2023 at 10:12 PM

SL

“ *Suzanne Leisure lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Bills* ”



Suzanne Leisure - November 21, 2022 at 02:29 PM

DB

“ Douglas & Deborah Briar lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Bills



Douglas & Deborah Briar - November 11, 2022 at 05:03 PM

DB

Our prayers are with Mark and the rest of the family.

Douglas & Deborah Briar - November 11, 2022 at 05:05 PM

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Bills Obiuary - January 02, 2023 at 10:06 PM

CJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dena's family.



Carolyn Jessup - November 11, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.



November 11, 2022 at 11:20 AM

KT

“ *Mark and family, I share your sorrow and send my sincere sympathy. Kris Thomas*

Kristi Thomas - November 11, 2022 at 10:16 AM

LS

“ *Laura and Steve purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



Laura and Steve - November 11, 2022 at 07:47 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 10, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 10, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 10, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Andrew Abner & Brittany Cormany purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



Andrew Abner & Brittany Cormany - November 10, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 10, 2022 at 07:52 AM



“ *I enjoyed a working friendship with Dena at RMH and often went to her office for support and to brainstorm. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.*
-Cheryl TR

Cheryl Turner-Romans - November 09, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 09, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 09, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 09, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *I'm so happy we recently bumped into each other and quickly caught up on life! You will be missed by all of us who ever knew you, worked with you and considered you a friend! Sincere sympathy to Mark and your kids and grandkids...Rest in eternal peace Dena.*

Jane Starkey - November 09, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 09, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 09, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Ron D Cameron lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Bills*



Ron D Cameron - November 09, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 09, 2022 at 07:02 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 09, 2022 at 06:53 AM



“ *Thoughts, prayers and peace to each and all.*



Pam Hoeing - November 09, 2022 at 06:12 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom, Alana! Many prayers being sent to you and your family!*

Amber Beeler- Darbutt - November 08, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Prayers to her family.*



Amy Martin - November 08, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Oh Dena, how I enjoyed working with you! How sorry I am to hear of your passing. May you rest in peace.*

Ann Curtis - November 08, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dena Jo Bills.*



November 08, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Although I hadn't talked to her for a while, My Aunt Dena has always had a special place in my heart. So many fun memories in Warrensburg, the Ozarks and Indiana with my Grandparents (Herb and Melba). Condolences to Mark, Robert, Alana and Jon (and all spouses and grandkids). I know you loved your wife, mother and grandmother very much and my heart is with all of you now and into the future. This can't take away thing things she taught each of you or the memories you shared.*

Grant Jones

Grant Jones - November 08, 2022 at 12:34 PM