



Wanda Jean Sowder

November 9, 1934 - March 19, 2017

Wanda Jean Sowder, 82, of Rushville passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017 in Rushville. Wanda was born in Crawford Co., IN on November 9, 1934 to the late Morris and Sudie (Chenoworth) Shelton. She was a 1954 graduate of New Salem High School. Wanda married John William Sowder on August 7, 1955 and he preceded her in death on August 30, 2004.

Wanda worked as a waitress at the Durbin Hotel for 19 years, at Copeland Corp. for 20 years and at Coast to Coast Hardware for 8 years. She was a very active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and a former member of New Salem United Methodist Church. Wanda helped at the Rushville Food Pantry for many years and was active in the Realy for Life. Survivors include, 5 sons, Ron Sowder and wife Nancy of Tipp City, OH, Bob Sowder and wife Robin of Rushville, Mike Sowder of Greenfield, Terry and wife Tami of Richwood, OH and Brian Sowder & friend Amy of Rushville, daughters, Karen Spaeth and husband Mike, Karla Kuhn and husband David, all of Rushville, Kathy Shuppert and husband Kirk of Greenfield, a brother, Allen Shelton and wife Paula of Rushville and a sister, Cadie Mathis and husband Don of Rushville, 19 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Wanda was preceded in death by a son, Tim, granddaughter, Holli Spaeth and brothers, John & Gordon.

Services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, March 23, 2017 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rushville. Pastor Roy Ice will preside. Friends are welcome to visit from 10 AM until the time of service that same day at the Church.

Private family burial will take place at 2 PM Thursday, March 23 in the Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the RCCA-Food Pantry.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
426 North Morgan Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3777

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Jean Sowder*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Greg Raike lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jean Sowder*



Greg Raike - March 28, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ *Dee Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jean Sowder*



Dee Carpenter - March 22, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.*



March 22, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.*



March 22, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.*



March 22, 2017 at 10:03 AM



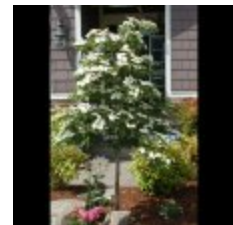
“ *Kimberly Eidson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.*



Kimberly Eidson - March 21, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ *Love, Bev and Brian purchased the Chinese Dogwood Tree for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.*



Love, Bev and Brian - March 21, 2017 at 07:09 PM

JO

“ Jim and Paula O'Rourke purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.



Jim and Paula O'Rourke - March 21, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.



March 21, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.



March 20, 2017 at 09:29 PM

LJ

“ Leigh and David Jeffries purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.



Leigh and David Jeffries - March 20, 2017 at 07:34 PM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.*



March 20, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ *Wanda and I went to Richland Grade School together just a few years ago. She has been a friend all our lives. She graduated from New Salem in 1954 and I in 1955. I will remember her wonderful smile.*

Helen Miller Jinks - March 20, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda Jean Sowder.*



March 20, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of the passing of your dear mother, Ron and all. May she rest in peace eternally.*

Norman D. Voiles - March 20, 2017 at 09:43 AM



“ *She was always very loving and full of grace.*

anitakmitchell - March 20, 2017 at 08:56 AM

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“ She shared her dream: to feed the hungry of Rushville. "I would like to start a food pantry." "Let's get it done," I said. It began small at St Paul's, but grew with the cooperation of other churches. I'm guessing that it still flourishes.... Wanda knew hard times and didn't forget when her life was more comfortable. Her compassion, her smile and easy laughter have all blessed my life immeasurably. Dear Lord, please see that Wanda Sowder gets an "A" in living a servant's life.

With gratitude for knowing her, Rev Nancy Harmon Chizmar

Rev Nancy Harmon Chizmar - March 19, 2017 at 10:12 PM

RO

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Robin - March 19, 2017 at 09:08 PM

SW

“ Steve & Jane Ward lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jean Sowder



Steve & Jane Ward - March 19, 2017 at 03:17 PM