



Joan Carol Bailey

March 27, 1935 - August 31, 2025

Joan Carol Bailey, age 90, passed away on August 31, 2025. She was born on March 27, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Joan graduated from the University of Minnesota with an Associate of Liberal Arts degree. She supported her first husband's medical career and worked as a consultant for organizational development and human resource management for hospital health care in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Prior to meeting Charles in 1987 she worked as an administrative assistant for the Lovejoy Tiffany Corporate Travel Agency in Ann Arbor. After marrying Charles in 1988 she moved to Schererville, Indiana and began employment as an administrative assistant for the Merrillville, Indiana Chamber of Commerce until they both retired in 2000. They have enjoyed 37 glorious years of wonderful marriage. Joan loved the piano, playing from age 6, until she passed. Her interests included reading, especially historical fiction and biographies, listening to music (classical was her favorite), and playing bridge which she started later in life. She traveled to China and Australia with the Windiana Concert Band and performed on the Sydney Opera House stage in the percussion section with the band. Her husband played trumpet in the band. Joan was a terrific cook and set a beautiful table. She always put others first in everything she did. Children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren always took center stage for Joan. She was a classy gracious lady who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Helen Geske; brother, Tim Geske, and step granddaughter, Camryn Marston. She is

survived by her husband, Charles Bailey; sister, Jane Twite (David); sons, Bradley (DeAnn) Gronvall and Paul (Lynne) Gronvall; stepson, Kevin Bailey; stepdaughter, Lisa (Matt) Gelon; grandchildren, Ben Gronvall, Ashley (Adam) Reid, Shannon Joan (Cameron) Nelson, Patrick (Clair) Gronvall; step grandchildren, Bailey (Jack) Spencer, Peyton Marston, Reese Marston, Kane Bailey, Payton Bailey, Sara Gelon, Alison Gelon, and William Gelon; great granddaughters, Emory Joan Nelson, Blaise Nelson, and Harper Reid, and step great granddaughter, Alice Spencer. Joan selected cremation with a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on September 22, 2025, at the First United Methodist Church, 352 S. Main Street, Crown Point, IN. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Pastor Mark Wilkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to First United Methodist Church or Hospice of the Calumet Area, 600 Superior Avenue, Munster, IN, 46321. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

First United Methodist Church
352 S Main St
Crown Point, IN 46307-4092
(219) 663-1515

Memorial Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (cst)

Crown Point First United Methodist Church
352 S Main St
Crown Point, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Priya V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Carol Bailey.*

Priya V. - September 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Bailey.*

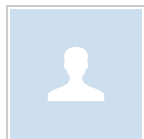


September 22, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ *Dear Chuck and family,
I was saddened to hear of Joan's passing. She was a dear friend of my late mother, Donna Martin. Thinking of you and thanking you Chuck for being such good friends.
Libby Sheppard
Madison, Indiana*

Elizabeth Sheppard - September 18, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan Carol Bailey.*

September 18, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Bailey.*



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“ *We traveled with Joan and Chuck with the Windiana Concert band, and always felt that Joan embodied graciousness and friendliness to everyone. She and Chuck always had a smile and were so wonderful to travel with. She will be missed.*

Karen Doebler - September 14, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Joan was a gracious lady who always greeted us with a big smile. We moved to the condo next to Joan's a few years ago and she made us feel very welcome to the building. She once made dinner for my husband when I was away on a long trip. She always looked forward to having patio time with us in summer. She would always send me the most cheerful texts. A person's character shines through the little things they do for others and Joan was a person of great character. We were lucky to have her as our neighbor. We miss her.*

*Love,
Priya and David*

Priya Vincen - September 11, 2025 at 08:42 AM

KG

“ *My sympathy to all of Joan's Family! This is truly a wonderful tribute to a life well lived. Now I know where Paul gets his love for grandchildren. Joan gave the family lots of example to follow.*

Kenny Greenwell - September 04, 2025 at 11:47 PM

KW

“ *Dear Aunt Joan,*

It's hard to accept that you're no longer here with us on Earth, but the heart is filled with gratitude for the gift of having you in my life. You were more than just an aunt; you were a source of wisdom, laughter, and unconditional love. Your faith was a light to all, and it gives peace knowing you have walked boldly into the presence of Jesus.

Thank you for every piece of advice, every story, and every moment of joy you shared. Your memory and the legacy of your kind spirit will live on through all the lives you touched. You will be missed so much, but there is comfort in knowing you will be seen again one day.

With eternal love,

Love You,

Kimmie and family ❤️💋🕊️🙏👼

Kim Williams - September 04, 2025 at 04:07 PM