



## Mrs. Joan F. (nee Kellar) Shufran

January 5, 1936 - September 3, 2024

Joan F. (nee Kellar) Shufran, age 88, passed away on September 3, 2024, in Hobart, Indiana. Her husband and children were holding her hands at the time of her last breath. She was born in Gary, Indiana on January 5, 1936, and grew up in Glen Park. Joan was a graduate of Lew Wallace High School and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a Registered Nurse before devoting her life to her husband and children. In 1952 Joan met her future husband, Frank, at a wedding reception when they were 16 and 20 years old, respectively. They quickly fell in love, were married in 1956, and spent the next 68 years in steadfast devotion and commitment. Joan had always been a skilled seamstress and during the Nation's Bicentennial year, she made her first quilt. Quilting was soon her passion. Largely self-taught, she became a highly respected and award-winning quilter in Northwest Indiana. She was active in local guilds where she eagerly welcomed new members and fondly taught them the art. She was known for her wit, devilish humor, and strength of character. Most notably, Joan lived a life of giving and loving. She touched and influenced people in the most profound ways. She was a lifelong member of St. Bridget Catholic Church.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Stephanie Kellar, and brother, Phillip Kellar. She is survived by her husband, Frank Shufran, daughter, Kimberly A. Shufran, son, Kevin A. Shufran PhD (Andrine Shufran PhD), and granddaughter, Erica Muller Atkins (Ian Atkins).

A celebration of life is planned and will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joan's memory to iCan House at <https://icanhouse.kindful.com/?campaign=1126895>, or [www.icanhouse.org](http://www.icanhouse.org)  
Burns Funeral Home & Crematory entrusted with arrangements. [www.BurnsFuneral.com](http://www.BurnsFuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“*Joan and her husband Frank were dear friends of my dad Barney Kaiser! I shall never forget how kind they both were to my dad. Since my dad's passing I kept in contact with them a few times a year making sure I delivered homemade nutroll to them which they loved!  
But in the process my husband and I got to know her and what a wonderful, special, loving woman she was!! She will be missed and we were blessed to have known her!! Our deepest sympathy to Frank and their family!  
Sincerely, Aris & June Psimos*

June Psimos - October 17, 2024 at 03:59 PM

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*Oh, thank you so much for sharing this, June. Barney was a special friend to my dad and I heard many touching stories about him. Mom was so grateful to have your continued friendship after his passing. Dad is adjusting and is still in Hobart. With gratitude, Kim Shufran.*

Kim Shufran - November 13, 2024 at 08:57 PM

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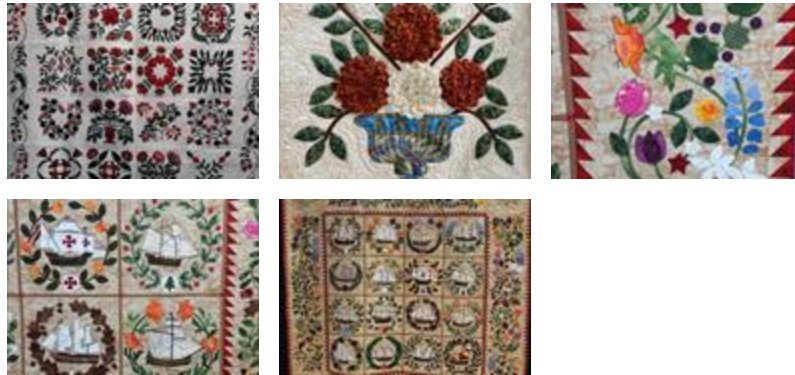
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Kim Shufran - September 11, 2024 at 02:19 PM

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Kim Shufuran - September 11, 2024 at 02:12 PM

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All her quilts and clothes and purse and bags were amazing!!

Gail Stover - September 14, 2024 at 10:47 PM

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Kim Shufuran - September 10, 2024 at 06:26 PM

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“ She was the sweetest caring women !! She taught me alot in short period of time !! Her whole family was very welcoming to help her !! I was so grateful to get be apart of her life !!



Gail Stover - September 09, 2024 at 01:59 PM

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*Thank you Gail for helping Mom in the recent months. It meant a lot to her.*

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**Kim Shufra**n - September 10, 2024 at 06:21 PM

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*I am so very sorry for your loss, May she Rest in Peace.*

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**Shirley Urbanek** - September 13, 2024 at 10:16 AM