



Joyce Ann Krochta

February 15, 1937 - February 20, 2025

Joyce Ann Krochta, a lifelong Indiana resident most recently of McCordsville, died Thursday, February 20, 2025. Joyce was born February 15, 1937 to Nicholas and Anna “Lala” (Romanyak) Krochta in Gary. She graduated from the Indiana School for the Deaf in 1957 where she made many lifelong friends. She lived most of her life in Gary and Valparaiso and worked at Bank of Indiana for 29 years. A competitive bowler for more than 40 years, Joyce was inducted into the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 2006. She enjoyed traveling with family and friends visiting Italy, Bermuda, Panama, among others.

An avid sports fan, she was particularly fond of the Cubs, Bears, Bulls and IU basketball. In 2024, she celebrated her 87th birthday in Bloomington at Assembly Hall.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents Nick and Lala, brother-in-law Richard Whitlow, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by her sister, Barbara Whitlow of Fishers, IN, nephew Rich (Liz) Whitlow of Chesterton, IN nieces Diane (Tim) Smith of San Francisco, CA and Suzanne (Zack) Tilden of Fishers; grand-nieces and grand-nephews: Adam, Lauren, Frederick and Mia Whitlow; Jeremiah and Quincy Smith; and Chris Tilden; many cousins, close friend Judith Spicer and her cherished dog, Happy.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 10-11a.m. at the Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church (8600 Grand Blvd, Merrillville);

funeral to follow at 11 a.m. Rev. Fr. Dr. Jacob Van Sickle officiating. Interment at Protection of the Virgin Mary Church Cemetery, 4401 W. Ridge Rd., Gary. Celebration of life will be held at a later date at Greater Indianapolis Deaf Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Indiana School for the Deaf, 1200 42nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46205, TradeWinds Services (Formerly Deaf Services), 3198 East 83rd Place, Merrillville, IN 46410, or Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church.

Funeral arrangements handled by Burns Funeral Home - Crown Point, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Protection of the Virgin Mary Cemetery

Gary, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Protection of the Virgin Mary
8600 Grand Blvd
Merrillville, IN

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Protection of the Virgin Mary
8600 Grand Blvd
Merrillville, IN

Burial

MAR 1 (CT)

Protection of the Virgin Mary Cemetery
Gary, IN

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Ann Krochta.

February 27, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Krochta.



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Krochta.



February 27, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Krochta.



February 25, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joyce Ann Krochta.

February 25, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Krochta.



February 25, 2025 at 02:04 PM



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“ Our friendship began through the years of bowling with my mom; Gloria Maretich and Aunt Annie Persello, where a bond formed that would last a lifetime. Joyce was not only a friend but family to me—someone I could always count on.



Growing up, I'll always remember our time at the Indiana Deaf Club in Gary, where I found a special connection with Joyce, who became a guiding and caring presence in my life.

Now, she's with my mom Gloria, and Aunt Annie, rejoicing in heaven, and I know their spirits will always be together. Though she's no longer here with us, I will carry her memory forever in my heart. I miss her deeply, but I find comfort knowing she's in a place of peace, reunited with loved ones.

Rest in peace, my dear friend. You will never be forgotten.

*With love,
Dina Rademacher (Maretich)*

Dina Rademacher - February 24, 2025 at 08:48 PM

JS

“ In loving memories. Joyce will always be in my hearts and memories. I miss Joyce ❤️



Judith Spicer - February 24, 2025 at 03:37 PM

JS

*In Loving memory of Joyce. She will be missed dearly.
Joyce will always be in my hearts and memory
and I miss her
Judith spicer*

Judith Spicer - February 24, 2025 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Tina Maretich lit a candle in memory of Joyce
Ann Krochta*



Tina Maretich - February 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

BD

“ *Bernadette Duda lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Ann Krochta*



Bernadette Duda - February 24, 2025 at 12:33 PM

JS

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Judith spicer - February 24, 2025 at 11:02 AM