



Luanne Ana Vuyakovich

January 31, 1961 - January 22, 2026

Luanne Ana Vuyakovich, age 64, recently of Valparaiso, Indiana, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, January 22, 2026. She was born January 31, 1961, in Gary, Indiana, to the late Gilbert and Nancy Vuyakovich.

Before moving to Las Vegas, Luanne was a longtime member of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Merrillville, Indiana. She was a proud graduate of Merrillville High School and later of the Nevada School of Massage Therapy in Las Vegas.

Gifted with a beautiful singing voice like her mother, Luanne had a deep love for music, movies, and family gatherings. She nurtured strong, lasting connections with her family and treasured her church, her Serbian heritage, and her traditions. She dearly loved her friends, always making time for the people she cherished. Her decades-long friendships were a source of joy and strength.

God was at the center of all things for Luanne; she drew strength from His love and the guidance He provides. Her faith remained steadfast even through life's hardest struggles. She loved all of her family members, especially her beloved pal, Little One. She had a wonderful sense of humor and expressed her love freely and openly. She possessed a rare gift for lifting others up with grace and eloquence.

Luanne's warm personality and genuine concern for others were known to everyone who knew her. She had a tender heart for the less fortunate, and in recent years, even out of her meager means, she provided food and shelter to a homeless individual by denying herself. Her quiet acts of compassion reflected the depth of her faith and the sincerity of her love. It is no surprise that the good Lord was the center of her being. She cared for and prayed for others, often thanking God for His blessings upon them.

Luanne is preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Nancy Vuyakovich, and her cherished brother, Dale. She is also preceded in death by her aunts Helen Kirby (+Eli Kirby) and Elaine Zeremsky (+Dushan Zeremsky); uncles Tim Vitkovich and V. Rev. Stavrophor Vasilije Sokolovic; and cousin Mark Zeremsky.

She is survived by her aunt Zorine Sokolovic; cousins Donniella Zeremsky, Betsy Kirby, Dr. Cindy Kirby, Tammy Kirby, Esq., Zorine Kirby, Mirjana Damjanovic, and Dcn. Toso Sokolovic, along with their families. She leaves behind many Kumovi and lifelong family friends who will remember her with love. Luanne is also survived by her steadfast friends Pam Hebert and Sherry Barnes who enriched her life through their love and companionship.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, 9191 Mississippi St., Merrillville, IN. Rev. Marko Matic officiating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family or St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church
9191 Mississippi St
Merrillville, IN 46410

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (cst)

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9191 Mississippi St
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

MS

“ We will miss you. Rest in peace heaven's angel. Love Michelle



Michelle Super - February 17 at 12:53 PM

MS

“ Vječnaja pamjat.
With condolences,
Saric family



Milka Saric - January 31 at 09:44 AM

GC

“ George C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luanne Ana Vuyakovich.

George C. - January 30 at 09:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Luanne Ana Vuyakovich.



January 30 at 09:50 AM

TE

“ Terilyn lit a candle in memory of Luanne Ana Vuyakovich



Terilyn - January 27 at 03:37 PM

TE

“ My nickname for LuAnne soon because LuLu. She would call several times everyday. During our calls we'd talk about what our day was like, how we were doing that day. And everyday I'd find a joke, share a thought or just say something so crazy to make LuLu LAUGH ! When she laughed I'd laugh with her. Those deep down belly laughs, that makes tears come out your eyes in buckets ! I loved her laugh !!! Those phone calls we shared together, with all the caring and sharing and belly laughs....my favorite and best memory of one AMAZING FRIEND who loved to pray for us all on her prayer line. I love her so, I always will....Terilyn

Terilyn - January 27 at 03:34 PM

PT

“ I'm so sorry to Luanne's family for your loss of Luanne. Her friends and "family" at Life Bridge Christian Church in Valparaiso also feel her loss. But we know we will all meet again in heaven. Luanne was such a sweet, giving and humble person who will be missed. I last saw her on Sunday, January 18th, where I received my last hug from her. She always had concerns for everyone she knew and had connections with a prayer line that she would call and give names to them of friends and family who needed prayer. She was also a faithful part of our Tuesday morning women's Bible study group. I know she is at peace and rest in the Arms of Our Loving Father! We love you Luanne!

Pat Thurber - January 27 at 01:34 PM

BE

“ Betsy lit a candle in memory of Luanne Ana Vuyakovich



betsy - January 26 at 11:32 PM

BE

Growing up near Lu, I will treasure the memories we shared. Her lovely kindness and giving spirit to her friends and family. She was known as 'my Luanne' by her devoted parents and solid family. Rest in peace sweet Luanne and sincere condolences to your family who loved you dearly. Betsy and Sandra

betsy - January 26 at 11:38 PM