



Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft

July 6, 1943 - December 6, 2023

Liane K. (Hawkins) Schoolcraft, 80, of Columbus, passed peacefully from this life with her loving family by her side in the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 6, 2023, after a short yet courageous battle with uterine cancer. She was born on July 6, 1943, in Kokomo, IN to the late Harold Eugene and Hazel Marie (White) Hawkins.

The oldest of four children, Liane was born on a Naval base, but spent her youth in the small-town life of Mooresville. Outgoing and popular in high school, she proudly graduated from Mooresville High School with the class of 1961. Her one and only marriage produced three upstanding children who remained her driving force in life, motivating her to be the best she could be. Her previous employment was with It's a Small World Daycare when her children were little, but her real calling was in the brick industry. Liane devoted 27 years to Mooresville Block as the office manager and the person who willingly filled every role needed. Known as the "Brick Lady", she was gifted with the knowledge of everything related to bricks and could easily identify each type, even from a distance.

One to enjoy the simple things in life and a true nature lover, Liane and the kids regularly camped in all the state parks, with McCormick's Creek being the favorite destination. Glamping was never an option, and primitive camping was the only way to go, popping up a tent, taking spit baths and simply living

off the land; a virtuous trait she passed on not only to her kids, but grandchildren as well. She loved a good bonfire, surrounded by the people she held near and dear while chatting and watching the flicker of the flames and the crackle of the fire. A keen bird watcher, Liane set out her bird feeder every spring, enjoying the beauty of her favorite feathered creatures, hummingbirds, and woodpeckers.

A collector of cookbooks, she not only read them faithfully but was also an amazing cook, whipping up mouthwatering yeast rolls and apricot upside-down cake. She rarely missed one of the grandkid's sporting events, enthusiastically cheering them on from the stands. Continuously keeping her mind sharp as a tack, Liane loved games and puzzles of all sorts. She took great pleasure in traveling, saving her money to visit places like Alaska, Canada, and Hawaii, and she especially liked to ride the train from here to California.

Giving, kind, and selfless, Liane continually put family first, loving them with all her heart and soul. She gave the best hugs, holding on just a little tighter and a tad bit longer so that you felt the love she held for you. A fighter to the very end, she left this world and her people all too soon and she will be forever missed.

Along with her parents, Liane was preceded in death by her sister, DheaRae Rigdon.

She leaves behind her children, Brian Schoolcraft (Deanna Brown) of Indianapolis, Andrea Schoolcraft Medlock (Gary) of Columbus, and Susan Belcher (Matt) of Monrovia; siblings, Lurhe Strebb (Jerry) of San Jose, CA, and Gene Hawkins (Beki) of Warsaw; grandchildren, Brian Medlock (Courtney) of Fishers, Greg Medlock (Macenzie) of Fairland, Kilee Schoolcraft of Columbus, and Brooklynn and Brayton Belcher of Monrovia; one great

grandchild on the way; former husband, Larry Schoolcraft (Charlotte) of Martinsville; along with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral and cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation from 5:00pm until 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, with a Celebration of Life Memorial Service beginning promptly at 7:00pm, and Pastor Keenan Steinway will officiate. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made online to the Gathering Together by clicking <https://thegatheringtogether.org/donate/>, or by mail to 147 N Center St, Plainfield, IN 46168, and envelopes will be available during services, or to the food pantry of your choice. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Liane's memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

DEC 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dear Susan, Matt, Brooklynn and Brayton, our most heartfelt condolences to you all, and to all of Liane's family. We are so sorry for your loss and send you our love, hugs and prayers.
Love Linette, Jeff, Sean and Aimee

Linette McNamara - December 13, 2023 at 11:09 AM

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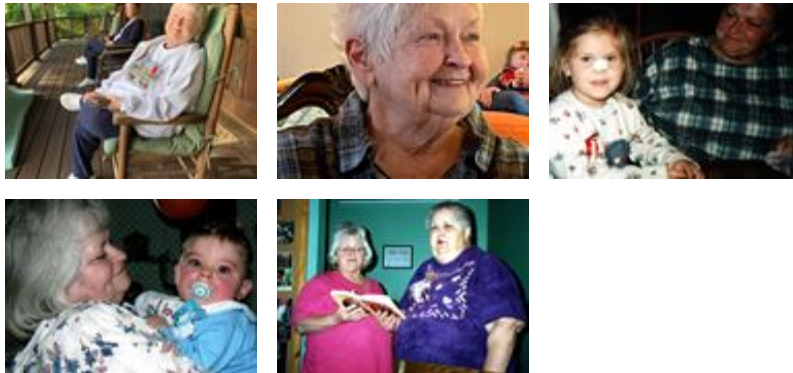
“ Pat and Philip Gibson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft.



Pat and Philip Gibson - December 12, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - December 12, 2023 at 10:34 AM

LF

I just read about your mom. I'm so sorry Susan. Love and prayers to you and your famiy

Ioretta Faulkenberg - December 28, 2023 at 08:51 PM

CS

“ Charlotte S. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft.



Charlotte S. - December 12, 2023 at 09:33 AM

RC

“ Radius Aerospace Family and Colleagues purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft.



Radius Aerospace Family and Colleagues - December 12, 2023 at 07:53 AM

RC

“ Radius Aerospace Family and Colleagues planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Liane Kay (Hawkin) Schoolcraft.

Radius Aerospace Family and Colleagues - December 12, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft.



December 11, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft.



December 11, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ United Steelworkers Local 115 EBoard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Liane Kay (Hawkin) Schoolcraft.

United Steelworkers Local 115 EBoard - December 11, 2023 at 03:02 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - December 11, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft.*



December 10, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Liane taught me and my son how to make her dumplings via FaceTime. We had missed having them so much we tried to make them on our own. Not as good as hers, but it will be a tradition we will always do in her honor.*

tricia - December 10, 2023 at 01:19 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft.*



December 09, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *Jeannie McCloud Stephens lit a candle in memory of Liane Kay (Hawkins) Schoolcraft*



Jeannie McCloud Stephens - December 08, 2023 at 08:15 PM

CC

“ Every year I drive from California to Washington DC to visit my son. About five years ago, LuRhe (Liane's sister) and I decided to see if Laine would be interested in riding out to California with me to visit LuRhe. She was definitely interested! She planned the route she wanted to take with stops at her favorite restaurants and National Parks. She had a broken foot at the time but it sure didn't slow her down much. She was so much fun! We ate at a restaurant that delivered biscuits to the table by throwing them across the room to us. Another restaurant had protein entrees so huge they hung off the plate and endless dessert servings The hotels she chose were often historical and in National or State Parks. Every day I saw an out-of-the-way park or monument I didn't even know existed Nine days later I delivered her to LuRhe's home in California. I still make that trip every year driving from California to Washington DC by myself. I miss her joyful spirit and sense of adventure every single time, and those memories bring smiles to my heart many times during that 6000 mile roundtrip. I am sure the angels were smiling when her beautiful soul arrived in heaven. Rest in peace dearest friend. I will think of you often and always remember the fun you brought to my life.

Carol Coffer - December 08, 2023 at 02:31 PM

TR

Wow, what a generous story to share with us. Maybe I can hitch a ride one year. :)
~ Tricia

tricia - December 10, 2023 at 01:15 AM

NL

What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful lady!

Nina Langley - December 10, 2023 at 07:28 AM

LS

Liane was my sister and she looked out for me since I was born. We played dolls, rode bikes together, walking a mile to school, even in the snow! We had lots of camping and vacation trips. Best of all, she was my go-to for recipes and I loved her cooking! I will miss her FOREVER!!!

LuRhe Streb - December 10, 2023 at 10:19 PM