



Nancy Keene

November 5, 1944 - June 20, 2026

Nancy (Finchum) Keene, 81, of Monrovia, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on June 20, 2026. She was born on November 5, 1944, in Martinsville, Indiana, to the late Sylvanus “Banta” Cecil Finchum and Edna Mae (Shields) Finchum.

A proud graduate of Monrovia High School with the class of 1962, Nancy secured employment at Blue Cross Blue Shield, where she worked in Membership Services before retiring more than 30 years ago. She was a past member of the Eastern Star Monrovia Lodge and was known for her sharp memory, and unwavering love for family. One of the greatest joys of Nancy’s life began when she met Sam Keene while out on the town in October 1976. The two were married just three months later and shared 39 years together until his passing in 2016.

Family was at the center of Nancy’s life. Growing up in a close-knit family, she cherished time spent with her siblings, cousins, and loved ones. She enjoyed playing games, cards, trips to the local casinos, family gatherings, sister and cousin trips, and spontaneous road trips with no particular destination in mind. Nancy faithfully kept a daily journal and had a fondness for collecting Fenton glassware. A permanent fixture at the Monrovia Family Restaurant, she was loved by both the staff and customers. She never met a cigarette she didn't like, and her passing undoubtedly left a noticeable hole in the tobacco

industry's profits. Nancy will be remembered for her devotion to family, her adventurous spirit, and the countless memories she created with those she loved. Her presence will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Along with her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sam Keene; her sisters, Sherry Sichting and Mary Hadley; and stepdaughter, Jeannie Nungester.

Nancy is survived by her siblings, Betty Rogers of Monrovia, Larry Finchum of Florida, Patty Ashley of Monrovia, and Katy Chapple of Monrovia, and Roy "Beak" Finchum (Eva) of Mooresville; her stepchildren, Sam Goodman (Tony) of Linton, Rick Keene (Paula) of Mooresville, Jay Keene (Jeni) of Indianapolis, and Brian Nungester of Avon; her step-grandchildren, Erica Keene Lynch (Robert) of Monrovia, Nicole Keene of Indianapolis, Joel Brown (Amanda) of Brownsburg, Dustin Lamb of Indianapolis, Shelby Lamb and Alexxis Nungester of Avon, and C.J. Shockley of Monrovia; as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Funeral and Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, in Monrovia. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026, from 3:30pm until a Celebration of Life Memorial Service that will start promptly at 6:30pm, and Pastor Jim Shields will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E Main St, Monrovia, IN 46157 to help offset unexpected funeral costs, and envelopes will be provided during services. To share a favorite story, send the family an online condolence, or light a candle in Nancy's memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

585 E. MAIN STREET
Monrovia, IN 46157
<http://www.lightmemorial.com>

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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