



Betty Jean Hostrawser

March 8, 1945 - July 23, 2025

Betty Jean Hostrawser, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was 80 years old.

Born on March 8, 1945, in Chicago, Betty was the daughter of the late Raymond and Elizabeth (Smith) Harvey. On June 3, 1967, in Valparaiso, she married the love of her life, John Hostrawser. Together they shared 58 beautiful years filled with love, laughter, and devotion.

Betty's life was marked by kindness, compassion, and an unwavering love for her family, church, and community. She was a longtime member of Walkerton Community Church (formerly Walkerton United Methodist Church), where her faith was a constant source of strength and joy. She also served her community through her involvement in Tri-Kappa and as a dedicated member of the Walkerton Library Board.

A passionate animal lover, Betty adored her dog Sam and had a special place in her heart for rescue animals, adopting her last two dogs from the humane society.

Above all, Betty treasured her family. She is survived by her loving husband John; her three sons: William (Deana Fugate) Hostrawser, Peter (Suzi) Hostrawser, and Brent (Vanessa) Hostrawser; and her cherished grandchildren: Henry, Audrey, Randy, and Brent Jr. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Pat Gumns.

A Memorial Service celebrating Betty's life will be held at 3:00 PM EDT on

Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Walkerton Community Church, 1001 Georgia Street, Walkerton, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Walkerton Community Church or the Marshall County Humane Society—two causes close to Betty's heart.

The Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is honored to be entrusted with Betty's care and arrangements.

Betty will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her warm heart, and the countless lives she touched through her love and service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **27**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Walkerton Community Church
1001 Georgia ST
Walkerton, IN 46574

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to read of Betty's passing. Her longing for God's peace is now complete as she waits the days ahead for her family and you, John, to join her.
Barb Wilson-Steiner

Barbara Wilson-Steiner - July 26, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Hostrawser.



July 25, 2025 at 12:01 PM

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“ Nick & Michelle Roseland purchased the Pretty P lease for the family of Betty Jean Hostrawser.



Nick & Michelle Roseland - July 25, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Jean Hostrawser.



July 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Jean Hostrawser.

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