



Judith Hillman

April 4, 2025

WALKERTON – Judith A. Hillman of Walkerton passed away peacefully on Friday, April 4, 2025, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton following an illness. She was born on October 20, 1942, in South Bend to the late Robert and Lois (Geddes) Solloway and was 82 years-old at the time of her death.

Judy lived in the area since returning from California 27 years ago and was a retired Dietician at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. She was also known by many after being a hairdresser around Walkerton for many years. On March 5, 1960, in South Bend she married Robert Hillman who preceded her death in 2008.

She was a member of the Eastern Star chapters in both Walkerton and Riverside, California and she progressed through their ranks to achieve the role of Worthy Matron. Judy was a very crafty person who particularly enjoyed sewing wedding dresses and garments for others. Her passion for crafts was not limited to sewing as she also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and all other crafts. Most of all she loved her family with all of her heart, especially her grandchildren who were her life.

Judy is survived by four children Terri (Phillip) Buckmaster, Debi (Kurt) Hagglund, and Jim (Donna) Hillman all of Walkerton and Barbara (David) Coffin of Hamlet; seven grandchildren Dawn Buckmaster, Kristy Hagglund, Brian Vermilyer, Blaine Vermilyer, Shayne Volle, Andrew Hillman, and Tera Goldt; fifteen great grandchildren; one great-greatgrandchild; her twin sister Janice Milliken; and one brother Richard (Sharon) Solloway. She is preceded

in death by her parents, husband, one granddaughter Kelly Vermilyer, and two brothers Robert Solloway and Larry Solloway.

There will be a Visitation time with family and friends from 1:00 to 3:00 EDT Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, with a Memorial Service to be held at 3:00 EDT also on Sunday, April 13 at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Traditions Hospice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering of family and friends

APR **13**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Aquagenics Technologies purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Judith Hillman.* ”



Aquagenics Technologies - April 10, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Judith Hillman.* ”



April 09, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Judith Hillman.* ”



April 09, 2025 at 02:01 PM

JU

“ While getting to know each other as coworkers in prison Judy, Bob and I were shocked to learn we were kindred souls from Walkerton and had probably crossed paths long before we met. They were quick to welcome me as a stray in to their Sullivan family. Judy always made sure there was a pot of soup, snacks or some type of feed for us strays on poker nights with Bob. Judy is one of the kindest, generous, funniest, strong, resilient, independent, tolerant woman that didn't take no s*** and a true pleasure to know.
Rest in peace dear Judy.
Julie



Julie - April 09, 2025 at 08:08 AM

PY

“ Pam Yeager lit a candle in memory of Judith Hillman



Pam Yeager - April 08, 2025 at 12:48 AM

ET

“ Eric, Ross, Adam & the Baker Tilly Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Judith Hillman.



Eric, Ross, Adam & the Baker Tilly Team - April 07, 2025 at 03:52 PM

JH

“ *Jeanne Hall lit a candle in memory of Judith Hillman*



Jeanne Hall - April 07, 2025 at 03:02 PM

JH

“ *In 1992 I hired Judy at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility but she quickly became a dear friend and confidant. She had an amazing work ethic, was multi-talented in various arts and crafts. Judy was a wonderful cook and was a devoted and loving mother. We once traveled together and she introduced me to her mother and twin sister. We had a blast, we laughed so hard our bellies hurt. The world lost a great person but Heaven truly gained an angel. Fly high Judy. See you on the other side of Jordan.*

Jeanne Hall - April 07, 2025 at 03:01 PM

BC

“ *Barbara J Coffin lit a candle in memory of Judith Hillman*



Barbara J Coffin - April 07, 2025 at 02:11 PM