



## Venita M. Nowatzke

February 25, 1949 - October 15, 2024

WALKERTON – Venita M. Nowatzke of Walkerton, formerly of Hamlet, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, in her home following a brief illness. She was born on February 25, 1949, in Union City, PA to the late Denzil and Marion (Briggs) Sweeney, and was 75 years-old at the time of her death.

She lived in the area most of her life and worked as a forklift driver, retiring from Rex Am in Valparaiso. On August 21, 1999, in Pinhook, IN she married Robert Nowatzke Sr., who preceded her death in 2013. Venita was a hard-working lady who was always on the go. She was soft spoken and kind and enjoyed doing her yardwork (especially tending to her flowers). Most of all she loved her family dearly and was truly the world's best babysitter.

Venita is survived by her daughter Stacy (Kirk) Rice of Walkerton; three grandchildren Devin (Rebecca) Rice and Skyler (Ashley) Rice all of Walkerton and Shelby Rice of Bremen; five great grandchildren Blaze, Greyson, Ryker, Jaylan, and Eleanor; three sisters Viola (Wayne) Sullivan of Inwood, Virginia (Dale) Delap of Argos, and Valora (Bob) Palmer of Culver; and one brother Jeff (Helen) Sweeney of Grovertown. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 CDT Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Visiting hours will be held from 11:00 to 1:00 CDT also on Tuesday, October 22 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Fletcher Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Center for Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Fletcher Cemetery

700 E  
Hamlet, IN 46532

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel  
102 W. Davis Street  
Hamlet, IN 46532  
(574) 867-3321  
rannellsfh@mchsi.com  
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

OCT **22** (CT)

Fletcher Cemetery  
700 E  
Hamlet, IN 46532

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Knizner Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Venita M. Nowatzke.*



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**The Knizner Family** - October 22, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Venita M. Nowatzke.*



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October 20, 2024 at 02:14 PM

JF

“ *Jeff and Helen Sweeney and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Venita M. Nowatzke.*

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**Jeff and Helen Sweeney and family.** - October 20, 2024 at 02:14 PM

JR

“ *John R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Venita M. Nowatzke.*

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**John R.** - October 18, 2024 at 11:35 AM

JR

“ John R. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Venita M. Nowatzke.



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**John R.** - October 18, 2024 at 11:35 AM

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“ Dear Stacy and all the family,  
The Monahan and McKenna families are sending you huge hugs and lots of love and prayers at this difficult time. We are so sorry to learn of your mom passing.  
We met your mom at the Last Saturday Concerts at the KLA. Venita loved to dance and did so all night. She rarely missed a concert. Venita also enjoyed volunteering in the kitchen for Monday night bingo. We loved your mom and feel privileged for knowing her. May your memories with your mom comfort you always.  
We Love you Stacy!  
All Our Love, Mike Cindy, Ken and Angie

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**Angie Monahan** - October 17, 2024 at 07:40 PM

MM

“ Stacy and family,  
So sorry for your loss, Venita was such a sweet and caring person. I enjoyed our school years together.  
May your wonderful memories of her help give you comfort. She will be truly missed.  
Deepest sympathy,  
Ron and Margo



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**Margo Martin** - October 17, 2024 at 01:55 PM

PS

“ *To The Whole Family of Venita*

*So sorry to hear about Venita's passing. You have so many nice memories with her to cherish. She will always be watching over you as she always did. I will not be able to be at the funeral but I will be thinking about all of you. May she rest in Peace.*

*Penny Sweeney*

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**Penny Sweeney** - October 17, 2024 at 11:06 AM

BA

*So so sorry to Stacy and all the family won't be in the area for services*

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**Barb Abel** - October 17, 2024 at 11:51 AM

BN

“ *Barbara Schoos and Bobbi Nowatzke purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Venita M. Nowatzke.*



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**Barbara Schoos and Bobbi Nowatzke** - October 17, 2024 at 09:56 AM