



## Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer

August 2, 1945 - February 29, 2016

Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer, age 70, of LaFontaine, passed away at 1:00 p.m. Monday (February 29, 2016) at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Thursday (March 3, 2016) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday (March 4, 2016) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Gerald Moreland officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Mount Etna Cemetery in Mount Etna, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials may be made to Hancock County 4-H Agriculture Association, Huntington County 4-H or Huntington County Retired Teachers Scholarship Fund, all in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Joyce was born on August 2, 1945 in Huntington, the daughter of Eldon and Mildred (Brown) Wall. She attended high school at Jefferson Township High School and graduated in 1963. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree from Ball State University with a major in Vocational Home Economics and a Minor in Physical Education. She taught at Southwood Jr. Sr. High, White's Institute and went on to retire from Huntington County Community School Corporation. Throughout her life, she was very active in many school sponsored and community organizations. Joyce served her community as a

Bible School Teacher, Deaconess, 4-H Leader and Judge, Past President of Huntington County Homemakers, Past President of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, the Huntington County Leadership' first Vice-President and served on the IVY Tech College Board of Directors for 10 years.

Joyce received many awards including the President's Award for Outstanding Educator and the Rotary International Outstanding Classroom Teacher. She was a Semifinalist for the 1999 Indiana State Teacher of the Year and also a recipient of the Friends of 4-H Award.

In her free time, Joyce enjoyed spending time with family and friends, gardening, quilting and teaching others to sew.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband, of 49 years, Larry M. Keiffer who she married on June 12, 1966 in Huntington. She is also survived by her sister - Janet (Paul) DeWitt of Ellenton, Florida, children - Jennifer (Kevin) Jackson of Poneto, Stephanie (Michael) Long of New Palestine, and Terry (Natalie) Keiffer of Andrews; and 5 grandchildren - Victoria, Megan, Madelynn, Erica and Kole.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Etna Cemetery

5515-5583 W. 600 S.  
Warren, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Visitation

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - March 03, 2016 at 10:57 AM

DL

“ *Dorothy Weaver Ley lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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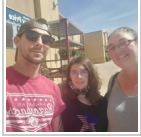
**Dorothy Weaver Ley** - March 31, 2016 at 05:02 PM

PR

“ *She was such a great lady,teacher, friend, she always made you feel like you was one of her own ,she is a wonderful person to have known, and will be dearly missed, with my sincere condolences  
Patrick Runkel*

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**Patrick Runkel** - March 08, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ Mrs Keiffer was one of the best teachers at Huntington North. She always had a kind word and seen the good in all of her students. I enjoyed the classes I was able to take with her and I still have the class material that she handed out in class. After high school when I would see her around town she would always stop to say hi and had a genuine care for how her students were doing in life after high school. I will always remember her kindness and be thankful that I was able to know her. Prayers for her family.

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**Tonya Tackett** - March 07, 2016 at 08:55 AM

PF

“ PARRETT FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer



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**PARRETT FAMILY** - March 06, 2016 at 08:00 PM

VG

“ Joyce was a wonderful lady who I admired and learned from. She subbed for me and always brought a smile to my face with her positive, fun spirit. I never will forget the morning I came into our office outside the special education classroom and was greeted by 'Burt' ( I think that was his name), the male 'dummy'. I screamed at the top of my lungs and then laughed hysterically. Joyce had compassion for all kids but was truly a champion of students with disabilities. I knew that they would be respected and their needs met when they were in Joyce's classes.

So sorry that I could not attend the visitation or funeral but have been ill with bronchitis for several days.

My prayers are with Larry and the family.

Vendetta Gutshall

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**Vendetta Gutshall** - March 05, 2016 at 01:54 PM

MD

“ To the family of Joyce Keiffer You have my sincere sympathy. I have known Joyce a long time and was also in the same Sorority with her. The last time I talked to her was at a fabric store and she was helping a granddaughter pick out material for a 4-H project. They were having a great time. She also took the time to give my friend and me some good sewing tips. She was a very caring person.

Mary L. Dalrymple - March 04, 2016 at 08:18 AM

EW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Larry, Jennifer, Stephanie and Terry and families. We pray you feel the comfort of our Lord Jesus. Joyce was a very special lady and her caring and love will live through you and her grandchildren. God Bless, Curt and Earlynn Worster

Earlynn Worster - March 03, 2016 at 08:31 PM

RS

“ Deepest sympathy to the family Life was too short for her. Nelson and Rosemary Schoeff

Rosemary Schoeff - March 03, 2016 at 02:58 PM

CM

“ You will be greatly missed in our neighborhood. Your smile always filled the room with delight. Your kindness and willingness to help others defines the person you truly were. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry and the children and grandchildren in this time of great loss and sorrow.

Cheryl Marley - March 03, 2016 at 12:33 PM

BL

“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - March 03, 2016 at 10:55 AM

HH

“ *Such a lovely person. Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry and the family.*

*Homer and Marj Hiner*

**Homer and Marj Hiner** - March 03, 2016 at 07:43 AM

VB

“ *We want you to know we are thinking of your family & you are in our prayers.*

*Lynn & Viki Bonewitz*

**Viki Bonewitz** - March 03, 2016 at 07:19 AM

LB

“ *Our families have been friends for many years. I have always admired Joyce and have appreciated her love for her family and teaching. She was always so thoughtful and such a hard worker. She will be missed by so many.*

**Lisa Best** - March 03, 2016 at 06:38 AM

JH

“ Rest in Peace my "Ideal Lady", 4-H leader, and friend through many formative years. Your positive can-do attitude with smiles and optimistic attitude was a true inspiration to so many of us. Many prayers for Larry and all your family.....the darling children I babysat so many years ago. Love, Jennifer Dillon Hernandez, Brownsville, Texas.

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**Jennifer Hernandez** - March 02, 2016 at 09:32 PM

CC

“ Sorry for your loss of Joyce. Will remember her for always having a smile and a great attitude. Class of '63 has lost a good friend.

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**Caroll Craig** - March 02, 2016 at 08:13 PM

FR

“ Joyce was a beautiful person. She will be surely missed here at her winter home in Florida. I send my heartfelt prayers and hugs to you Larry, Paul, Janet and your families.

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**Fay and Shirley Riggelman** - March 02, 2016 at 06:04 PM

BT

“ I remember Joyce from our 4-H days and the Markle Church. Such a sweet and smiley gal. "MY Larry" knew her from High School. She sure enjoyed attending her grandkids' activities. Larry, family, and Janet.....may your memories eventually give you peace.

*Bonnie and Larry Trout*

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**Bonnie Trout** - March 02, 2016 at 04:58 PM

KM

“ I knew Joyce as a wonderful, loving person. I attended her wedding to Cousin Larry and remember her vibrant smile. Through the years, the same smile greeted me on every visit. Joyce was a wonderful hostess for my mother's visits to the "home place" and I'm grateful for her kindness.

*My heart goes out to Larry and her children. Joyce gave so much of herself over the years. Very sad about her passing.*

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**Keith Munro** - March 02, 2016 at 10:15 AM

BE

“ Joyce always had a big smile on her face. She was extremely positive to all and always projected a positive word for the day of the week, such as Marvelous Monday to Fantastic Friday. She was always there to help in any way she could and she enjoyed teaching so very much and I am very happy, proud and honored that I got to work with Joyce for a few years before her retirement as part of the Family and Consumer Science Dept. at Huntington North HS. Joyce will be missed by so many family and friends, but her legacy will live on forever. Larry, you and your family have my sincere condolences. Rest in Peace Joyce!

*Warmest Regards, Betsy Motter*

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**Betsy** - March 02, 2016 at 09:49 AM

 Wendy Singleton

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. I enjoyed Joyce as a friend and teacher!!! God speed with healing!!!

*Wendy Pursifull Singleton*

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**Wendy Singleton** - March 02, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer.*



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March 01, 2016 at 08:27 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to her family and friends.*

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**Terry and Pat Kelsey** - March 01, 2016 at 06:37 PM



“ *I have many good memories of our times together in the card club...lots of laughs and great food. Joyce was a wonderful person and will be missed. My prayers are with you at this sad time.*

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**Marvin Brown** - March 01, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *One of my favorite high school teachers. Also she received my first Friday shool from her. :) She was a wonderful lady.*

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**Stephanie** - March 01, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ *Joyce's legacy will live on for many years to come. She was such a positive, loving influence to all her students. She gave her heart and soul to HNHS. I feel very honored to have known her and worked with her for 24 years. She was a wonderful woman.*

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**Bonnie Shipman** - March 01, 2016 at 04:30 PM

SH

“ Larry, Our sincere condolences for you and your children, Jennifer, Stephanie, Terry and their families. I will always remember Joyce for her many smiles, and her laughter. Our prayers for all of you during this time sadness. Please know we care/ Sincerely, Steve and Mary Ann Holmes



Steve and Mary Ann Holmes - March 01, 2016 at 04:15 PM

BH

“ There will always be a special place in my heart for Joyce. What a talented and loving individual. She was a popular substitute teacher at Lancaster in the 1980's. The staff and students just loved her. When later teaching, I remember so many stories of how she reached out to the students who needed extra support and encouragement.. Her life touched so many individuals including mine. She always greeted people with a smile and a kind word. What a remarkable human being. May Light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the departed rest in the eternal peace of Christ. My prayers are with her family. Br. John Huebner



Br. John Huebner - March 01, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer.



March 01, 2016 at 03:53 PM

SB

“*Joyce was a very vibrant person. Enjoyed meeting her at a store and asking about Jennifer. Always enjoyed the updates. I pray for your family.*”

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**Sue Burnworth** - March 01, 2016 at 03:50 PM

MS

“*Our sympathy to the family.*”

*Dennis and Marilyn Sonner*



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**marilyn sonner** - March 01, 2016 at 03:35 PM

MP

“*Joyce was my high school classmate. She had an infectious laugh and was kind to everyone. We resumed contact in later years and she really hadn't changed at all!! Still bubbling with life, still sharing her laughter...still kind. Praying for Larry and all of Joyce's family. Peace be with all of you and RIP Joyce. You will be missed.*”

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**Melody Maul Clements Peters** - March 01, 2016 at 12:34 PM

MH

“*Joyce was such a vibrant and loving person, my heart breaks for all the family. Such a sad passing.*”



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**Marcia Herzog** - March 01, 2016 at 11:48 AM

JE

“ Jennifer (Houck) Eichenauer lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer



Jennifer (Houck) Eichenauer - March 01, 2016 at 11:29 AM

JA

“ This was by far one of my most adored teachers. She inspired me to be the best I could be. She taught me how to cook and how to write poetry. I could not have asked for a better teacher and friend. Thank you for all of your inspiration, your words and advice through the years will stay with me forever. Thank you could have never been enough for all you have done for me.

Jennifer (Farmer) Asher - March 01, 2016 at 11:07 AM

CJ

“ Claudia(Lora & Jan)Machall lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer



Claudia(Lora & Jan)Machall - March 01, 2016 at 11:05 AM

JA

“ Jennifer (Farmer) Asher lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer



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WM

“ Wayne & Nancy McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer



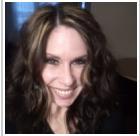
Wayne & Nancy McLaughlin - March 01, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer.



March 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ Mrs. Keiffer was the sweetest teacher we had at the high school. Everyone loved her!

Becky Rittenhouse Grover - March 01, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ Love and prayers to all of you. May GOD'S love surround you.  
Sincerely,  
Kathie Brooks Stinson

Kate Stinson - March 01, 2016 at 08:13 AM

EB

“ Erika Bruce lit a candle in memory of Joyce A.  
(Wall) Keiffer



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**Erika Bruce** - March 01, 2016 at 08:10 AM

SB

“ Spring Bustos lit a candle in memory of Joyce  
A. (Wall) Keiffer



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**Spring Bustos** - March 01, 2016 at 07:18 AM

SB

*Rest in Heaven Sweet Angel.*

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**Spring Bustos** - March 01, 2016 at 07:19 AM

SD

“ Sarah DeWitt lit a candle in memory of Joyce  
A. (Wall) Keiffer



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**Sarah DeWitt** - March 01, 2016 at 07:08 AM

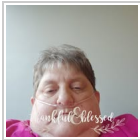


“ *Kimberly LaVine Criswell lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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**Kimberly LaVine Criswell** - March 01, 2016 at 06:35 AM



“ *Janet Kennedy-Fry lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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**Janet Kennedy-Fry** - February 29, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ *RIP Mrs. Keiffer. You were an amazing teacher. Thank you for always making class fun.*



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**Colette Radtke** - February 29, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ *Joyce Keiffer was an amazing woman. .. she was a huge influence in my life in high school... And to this day has helped me in ways no one else can. . You will be missed dearly Mrs. Keiffer.. Our thoughts and prayers for the entire family. ..*



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**Rena & Brian Claus** - February 29, 2016 at 08:51 PM

BF

“ *Brandi Fisher lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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**Brandi Fisher** - February 29, 2016 at 08:51 PM

DJ

“ *Dewayne Jones lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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**dewayne jones** - February 29, 2016 at 08:35 PM

SF

“ *Susan Fulton lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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**Susan Fulton** - February 29, 2016 at 08:29 PM

SS

“ *Susan Stiker lit a candle in memory of Joyce A. (Wall) Keiffer*



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**Susan Stiker** - February 29, 2016 at 08:25 PM

SS

*She always left you laughing. Praying for comfort for all*

Susan Stiker - February 29, 2016 at 08:26 PM

E(

“ This wonderful lady touched my life so many times. First as a h.s. teacher who would scold me and roll her eyes every time my cooking group ate too much of the shredded cheese to make the recipe. Then again later when I was lucky enough to care for and become friends with Eldon and Mildred (I still have my "washer and dryer unit" magnet on my fridge). Then again when I was lucky enough to play softball with Jennifer and she would come out to watch and we would visit. A couple years ago I got hurt and was unable to work and she sent me the most wonderful card and some extra help. Even though our contact was not as often these days I will miss her so much. Thinking of everyone!

Erika Bruce (Williams) - February 29, 2016 at 07:44 PM

MM

“ When I visited with Joyce a month ago, she was in good spirits despite what the future held for her. So pleased I was able to share moments of our youth and a book on the beautiful music box that she purchased from my grandfather Robin Wall. PEACE!

MARY MACHALL - February 29, 2016 at 07:32 PM

EF

*Dear Larry and all of the Kieffer family, Normand and I are so sorry for the loss of Joyce. We knew her briefly here In Tidevue and knew what a wonderful person she was. Our deepest sympathies. May she rest in peace. Normand and Eileen Duhaime*

Eileen Fenner-Duhaime - March 01, 2016 at 05:30 PM

JB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Joyce was always encouraging to all 4-Hers. Her positive encouragement will be greatly missed.

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**Jadean Barnes** - February 29, 2016 at 07:14 PM

SB

“ Joyce is the reason I loved going to school...she will be very missed. Thanks for everything, Joyce!

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**Sasha Bowers** - February 29, 2016 at 05:59 PM

DM

“ Joyce was much more than a customer at SEW BIZ - she was also an inspirational friend. She shared from her heart and her vast experience from working with students and she was also encouraging to me as I raised my own children. God has gained a great woman, but we have had to say Good-bye much too early. I knew her passion for sharing with others was about to take another step just before she became ill. To all of her family - May God grant you the peace that passes all understanding as you journey on without her.

*Donelle McAdams and the Staff at SEW BIZ, Marion, IN*

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**Donelle McAdams** - February 29, 2016 at 05:42 PM

JR

We have lost a wonderful friend. Joyce will be remembered for her strength and courage after being diagnosed with cancer. She will be remembered for her forever positive attitude, her endless kindness and her ability to bring out the best in everyone that she knew. We miss her stopping by, opening the door and calling out "you-who". God speed to heaven. RIP. Our heartfelt sympathy to her lovely family.

*Bob and Jane Russell, Ellenton, FI*

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**Jane Russell** - March 02, 2016 at 07:37 AM