



## Nikki J. Newsome

June 17, 1972 - October 28, 2024

Nikki J. Newsome, 52, of Warren, passed away peacefully at 3:43 pm Monday, October 28, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

Nikki was born on June 17, 1972, in Huntington, IN, the daughter of Charles and Cathy (Riggle) Gard. She graduated from Huntington North High School with the class of 1990 and continued her education at IVY Tech of Fort Wayne. Nikki spent her life caring for others as a devoted home health care tech. She retired this year from Parkview Home Health & Hospice after 32 years of loyal service. Nikki was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary Post #2689 of Huntington.

Nikki was truly one of a kind, she could light up a room with her smile. She had a servant's heart and used her natural gifts to take care of others with dignity & compassion. Nikki never felt her job was an obligation, she was honored to help others during some of their hardest days. In her 32 years she spent countless hours showing love to her patients and their families. She will be missed by so many that she dedicated her life to.

Outside of work, Nikki loved the outdoors, camping, kayaking, watching nature and naming the wildlife. She always looked forward to taking trips out to Vegas and visiting her "happy place", the beaches in Florida. Nikki liked to listen to music and hang out with friends. She was fortunate to find true love

and a man to share her life with. Damian was her soulmate and her solid rock. Being a Mamaw to her grandchildren might have been the biggest blessing in her life. She enjoyed chasing them around and spending time making memories. Nikki felt privileged to have a sister, that became her best friend, her strong and steady. More than anything she loved her son Skyler. They shared a special mother/son relationship, and she was extremely proud of him.

Survivors include her loving son, Skyler (Anne Marie) Newsome of Huntington, IN; parents, Charles and Cathy Gard of Huntington, IN; sister, Michelle (Eric) Stallsmith of Huntington, IN; soulmate, Damian Thornsby of Warren, IN; grandchildren, Hadley Newsome, Teagan Newsome, Madolyn Smith, Easton Smith, Penelope Drummond; nieces Calia (Isiah) Kitzmiller, Natalie Stallsmith; nephews, Trent Kline, Aiden Stallsmith; and her four-legged companion Teddy.

On behalf of Nikki's family – A very heartfelt THANK YOU to Cathy Pearson (Nikki's Aunt) for all the love and support she expressed towards Nikki during her courageous battle with cancer.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday, November 1, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 pm Friday, November 1, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Chaplain Michael Deter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials to the Cancer services of Huntington or Huntington County 4-H, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Nikki J. Newsome.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

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## Burial

NOV 1 (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery  
2059-2357 E 1000 S  
Warren, IN 46792

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Nikki Newsome.* ”



**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - October 30, 2024 at 09:44 AM

LI

*My heart goes out to you Charlie, Cathy and Michelle. I'll always remember Nikki as the first person we met when we moved in next door on W. Sunnydale! We spent many days chatting and just 'hanging out' over the next 6 years as she grew from a little girl into a young woman. I was also told she was one of the gals who helped with my Mom last year as she went through her battle with cancer. Prayers being lifted up for all of you for the loss of your sweet Nikki.*

**Lori Ingle** - October 30, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TR

*Fly high my beautiful friend, will always cherish our friendship ❤️ love you*

**Tammy Reed** - October 30, 2024 at 05:54 PM

SB

*I loved the tribute video. I will miss you Nikki. So glad we saw each other a few years ago and reconnected. You were one of my best friends!! Everyone was drawn to you. Fly high my friend. I love you forever!!*

**Stacie Scheiber Burke** - October 30, 2024 at 07:02 PM

SB

*So sorry for the loss of your daughter. Prayers*

**Sue Biven** - October 31, 2024 at 01:13 AM

DJ

*Bless you and your family Nikky. You always were so much fun to be around! Your family is in my prayers!*

**Doreen Johnson** - October 31, 2024 at 05:07 PM

DS

*Nikki was one of the wonderful ladies who helped care for my husband a year ago. He had cancer and she was so good to him. I'm sorry to hear that has passed.*

**Debra Spencer** - October 31, 2024 at 09:54 PM

JB

“ *Everyone at Young's & The Bell always had a good time with Nikki around. Bet Rodney was waiting to see you again. Two good people gone to soon. Condolences to family & friend's*

**julie beck** - November 03, 2024 at 09:16 AM

DF

“ *Dixie & Bill Finley lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



**Dixie & Bill Finley** - November 02, 2024 at 08:20 PM

TS

“ *To Nikki's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Terry and Sue*



**Terry E Scher** - November 02, 2024 at 04:04 PM

TR

“ *Tammy G Reed lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



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**Tammy G Reed** - November 01, 2024 at 04:27 PM

SL

“ *Shyla Lahr lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



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**Shyla Lahr** - November 01, 2024 at 02:22 PM

SG

“ *I will miss you dear cousin. Thank you for your kindness and friendship. Our condolences to your family. Stephanie and Caeden Gard*

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**Stephanie Gard** - November 01, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.*



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October 31, 2024 at 09:23 PM

JS

“ Nikki was one of kind. She had the biggest heart and a beautiful smile to match. I truly enjoyed working with her at PKV HHC. I know she will be missed by so many. Sending condolences to her family and friends.

Jeni Schmidt - October 31, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LP

“ Loretta Przybylinski lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Loretta Przybylinski - October 31, 2024 at 02:48 PM

LH

“ My heart is breaking for all who knew and loved Nikki. She was so full of life and will be missed by all.

Lynnette Harlan - October 31, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nikki J. Newsome.

October 31, 2024 at 07:40 AM

EB

“ Ed Beckner lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Ed Beckner - October 31, 2024 at 07:00 AM

EB

“ Nikki was a caring, kind person who always had a smile and a hello for anybody she met. I worked with her at PHH and her dedication to her patients was unending. My sympathies to Charles and Cathy. She will be missed. Our prayers are with you and your family. God Bless You All.

Ed Beckner - October 31, 2024 at 06:58 AM

TW

“ Tracy Williams purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.



Tracy Williams - October 30, 2024 at 06:31 PM

TW

“ Tracy Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nikki J. Newsome.

Tracy Williams - October 30, 2024 at 06:31 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Sands lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Rebecca Sands - October 30, 2024 at 04:42 PM

JJ

“ *Joan Jiosa lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



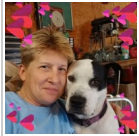
Joan Jiosa - October 30, 2024 at 04:40 PM

NM

“ *Nancy L Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



Nancy L Mccoart - October 30, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ *Nikki was a very kind hearted girl...she took care of our mom during her time working for hospice and even came to the house the day my mom passed and helped clean her up while we waited for the funeral home gentleman to come pick her up...Nikki became a big part of our family and always knew to help herself to the chips and dip when she arrived... all of us truly cared for Nikki and loved her like she was our family.... she will definitely be missed and loved by all of us ...and now she will get to be in heaven with my mom again and eating those chips and dip, cutting up so many jokes... we love and miss you Nikki....*

*Tisha & Kristina Barrus*

Kristina Barrus - October 30, 2024 at 04:14 PM

BM

“ *Brandyn M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.*



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**Brandyn M.** - October 30, 2024 at 03:22 PM

GK

“ *Oh this makes me so sad. Nikki was such a force to be reckoned with. Opinionated, loved by her patients, so feisty, so fun. I remember going to a 500# patient's home with her because she knew it would take us both. We ended up calling the fire department to give us a hand...she helped me through that whole process! I also remember riding with her in her big truck. Was it a hummer?? She kind of drove like a crazy woman, haha!! As a therapist, Nikki really taught me a lot about home care.*

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**Gina Kiess** - October 30, 2024 at 03:22 PM

RN

“ *Ruth Newton lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



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**Ruth Newton** - October 30, 2024 at 03:06 PM

CS

“ Nikki was such a gift here on earth. She had a huge heart & she was a true testament of a caring, compassionate person. Nikki helped my mom the last year of her life. Mom & I always loved to see her come in with her beautiful smile & the love she showed mom was something I will always hold dear in my heart. All her family have my deepest sympathy. God definitely gained an angel when he called Nikki home.

Chris (Frame) Scheerer - October 30, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ Nikki was sure one of a kind! We always had a great time at Oak Lanes on Tuesday nights back in the day. And she was the one who took care of my Daddy in his final days! May she rest in peace! Prayers to her family and many friends!

Angie Elick - October 30, 2024 at 02:10 PM

JM

“ Julie McKinzie lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Julie McKinzie - October 30, 2024 at 02:04 PM

DS

“ Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Debbie Smith - October 30, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JF

“ Jennifer Fisher lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Jennifer Fisher - October 30, 2024 at 12:48 PM

RS

“ Rick & Leasa Scheiman lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Rick & Leasa Scheiman - October 30, 2024 at 12:47 PM

CC

“ Cyndi Scheiber Crews lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Cyndi Scheiber Crews - October 30, 2024 at 12:35 PM

CC

“ I will remember you always Nikki and all your joy and love. Fly high my beautiful friend ❤️🙏



Cyndi Scheiber Crews - October 30, 2024 at 12:24 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Snyder lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



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**Peggy Snyder** - October 30, 2024 at 12:20 PM

JW

“ *I first met Nikki when I first moved to Indiana and started working a Community Care Nursing Home, Nikki this energetic high school girl working as a CNA. She had such a bubbly personality which grew with her as we bowled on the same league at Oaklanes. She will be missed*

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**Julie Witthuhn** - October 30, 2024 at 11:57 AM

BG

“ *Billie Garwood lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



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**Billie Garwood** - October 30, 2024 at 10:55 AM

TG

“ *So sorry for your loss!*



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**Tina Gressley** - October 30, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.*



October 30, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *Charles Hall Jr lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



**Charles Hall Jr** - October 30, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.*



October 30, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Randy Denton lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome*



**Randy Denton** - October 30, 2024 at 08:25 AM

PT

“ Rest in,peace my friend, you will be missed so much 😭

peggy tyler - October 30, 2024 at 07:46 AM

MD

“ Nikki was a very special soul ❤️. She became part of our family pretty much from the beginning of our Gram's, Floyann, hospice journey. Grams didn't like just anyone but she absolutely loved Nikki to pieces and finally met her match in spunk and wit 😂. Nikki remained a part of our family even beyond her passing and I'm so grateful just to have had the bright light in our life that was wholly Nikki. So sad to see such a joyous person go but I know she was welcomed home with open arms by my Grams and I'm sure so many others. Rest in peace Nikki we love you so very much always and forever ❤️.

Megan Deam - October 29, 2024 at 09:57 PM

DW

“ Danny and Lonna Dickey, Jennifer Werling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nikki J. Newsome.

Danny and Lonna Dickey, Jennifer Werling - October 29, 2024 at 09:13 PM

DW

“ Danny and Lonna Dickey, Jennifer Werling purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.



Danny and Lonna Dickey, Jennifer Werling - October 29, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ Karen McEntarfer lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Karen McEntarfer - October 29, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ Christopher Gard Jr, Ashley, Kena, CJ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nikki J. Newsome.

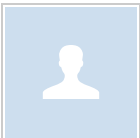
Christopher Gard Jr, Ashley, Kena, CJ - October 29, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ Christopher Gard Jr, Ashley, Kena, CJ purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.



Christopher Gard Jr, Ashley, Kena, CJ - October 29, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nikki J. Newsome.



October 29, 2024 at 07:21 PM

DP

“ Debra Pressler lit a candle in memory of Nikki Newsome



Debra Pressler - October 29, 2024 at 07:13 PM

MW

“ Nicki was an Amazing young lady. She would always enter our nursing unit with a smile . We loved to know that Nikki was caring for our Hospice patients. Her kindness and compassion goes beyond words. I am sure she continues her love for patient care in heaven. A beautiful soul gone to soon . 🙏



Mary J Wilson - October 29, 2024 at 06:55 PM

TW

“ Nikki I will always remember the fun we had and you pushing me out of bed on the floor. You were a good friend and i will miss you. Rest in peace my friend! Teresa west

Teresa west - October 29, 2024 at 05:46 PM

JB

“ Joe and Jannie Bickel



Jannie Bickel - October 29, 2024 at 05:12 PM

KG

“*Nickie was a special person. The care she showed my mother, Thelma Goodnight " was exceptional as I'm sure it was with all her patients. I couldn't thank her enough for making the effort to see my mother before she passed. I know it was tough on her, but she did it anyway. She was a special caregiver. She will be missed.*

*Kevin Goodnight & Kathi Sands*

*God rest her soul.*

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**Kevin Goodnight** - October 29, 2024 at 05:00 PM

RD

*Nikki also took care of my father Charles Ehlers in the hospital when he was dying! So loving, so caring, so gentle with him and talking to him while he just laid there! She was such an Angel to him! We were so grateful!! ( and when I discovered you and she were sisters Michelle that made it more special!)*

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**Rita Disler** - October 29, 2024 at 07:22 PM

NW

*Nikki and I met 17 years ago when she cared for my mom Rose Yentes. She was truly a gift from God for her gentle caring ways and comfort for our family. I'm fortunate to have stayed in touch with her all these years. You're at peace my friend and will never be forgotten. My sympathy to all who loved her.*

*Nancy Winter*

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**Nancy Winter** - October 31, 2024 at 04:41 AM