



## Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Wolter

April 30, 1945 - August 31, 2025

We are saddened to announce that Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Wolter, age 80 of Kankakee, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. She was born on April 30, 1945 in Chicago, the daughter of William and Mary (Way) Whitney.

Liz grew up in Elmhurst, IL and attended Northern Illinois University, she was an Art major, member of Kappa Delta sorority, and picture editor of the NIU yearbook. Her focus was artwork in printmaking and ceramics. After her college years, she traveled the world as a reservationist for TWA. While raising her three children, Liz owned an antique shop in Northbrook, IL. Liz designed hospital interiors for Medline. She sold high-end furniture and assisted customers with residential design at The Design Studio in Skokie, Illinois. She also was a sales associate at Marshall Fields and Co. in their furniture department. Not only was she an interior designer and decorator, she was an artist. Liz created and sold her own jewelry pieces. She sold furniture, collections, decorative items, and her own personal creations online or in several antique malls and consignment booths in the Chicago and Kankakee areas. She would often host gatherings with elaborate holiday decorations in her home. Many would describe her as fashionable, outgoing, caring, creative, loving lady and loyal friend. Her infectious laugh, bright smile, and her ability to light up a room allowed her to make conversations with everyone, especially strangers. She shared her infectious positive energy with everyone

she met to brighten their day. She loved gardening and planting flowers. Elizabeth was a member of the Kankakee Kultivators Garden Club. She decorated her homes with her elaborate collections and artistic flair. Liz created beauty wherever she lived. George and Liz spent winters in Florida. They attended Grace Presbyterian Church in Punta Gorda, Florida and Faith Baptist Church in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Surviving Liz is her husband, George Bingley and his daughters, Debbie (Roger) Hardin of Crystal Lake, IL, Karen (Fred) Prestinario of Kankakee, Teresa (Roger) De Young of Franklin, TN, Tami (Mark) Anthos of Plainfield, IL. Also surviving Liz are her children with her first husband, Erik V. Wolter, Heidi (Aaron) Raudenbush of Fort Wayne, IN, son, Kai Wolter of Santa Fe, NM, and Kristin (Josh) Canfield of Memphis, TN. Liz has two brothers, Bill (Carol) Whitney of Haymarket, VA and Bob (Cindy) Whitney of Durango, CO. Liz also has five Wolter grandchildren: Jenna, Patrick, and Michael Raudenbush, and Elia and Margo Canfield. Additionally, Liz enjoyed her nine Bingley grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Liz is preceded in death by her parents; and her previous husband Lawrence Bruozis of Chicago, IL.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 11 followed by a reception at Faith Baptist Church 1280 Armour Rd Bourbonnais. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to the hospice Uplifted Care. Please visit her online guestbook and obituary at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com). Arrangements are by Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church  
1280 ARmour Road  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-9400

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ We met Liz in Florida and always had a great time with Liz and George at their Florida home and our park as well as Liz assisting with the after glows for the Suncoast Statesmen Barbershop. Liz will be missed by all. A wonderful loving and caring person ❤️.

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**Kathy Weaver** - October 03, 2025 at 01:02 PM

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“ :Liz and I grew up down the street from each other from the time we were about 5 years old. We were a part of a group of kids in the neighborhood that played together through grade school . We attended Lincoln school in Elmhurst through 6th grade, Elmhurst Junior High through 8th grade and graduated from York Community High School in Elmhurst in 1963.. She always had a smile on her face and was fun to be round. We always got together at our high school reunions. I am heartbroken at her loss. I send my thoughts and prayers to George, Bill, Bob and Christy all of whom I knew persinally and to the rest of the family she leaves behind. I love you Liz and will miss you. Rest in Peace.

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**Jackie Kovacs** - September 29, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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“ What a colorful loving hospitable Jesus loving friend - we so enjoyed this couple Liz will be so missed

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**Terry Sammons** - September 09, 2025 at 03:54 PM

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“Loved the time we had with Liz and George when they made a trip to Wisconsin to get their vows renewed by my husband. He was George’s Pastor and George always affectionately referred to him as “The Right Reverend “.

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**Linda Smith** - September 09, 2025 at 01:53 PM