



## Kary Westphal

November 15, 1947 - August 4, 2024

Kary Westphal, age 76, of Clifton passed away on Aug. 4, 2024 at Bickford House in Bourbonnais, Illinois. She was born November 15, 1947 in Kankakee, the daughter of Eldon and Thelma (Fortin) Alwine. She married Doug Westphal on May 23, 1998 in Captiva Island, Fl. He preceded her in death on August 27, 2008.

Kary enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, traveling, and walking along sandy beaches. She also enjoyed crocheting and donated most of her work to Catholic Charities and the Veterans' Home at Manteno. She was the store manager at Westphal Jewelers and worked there for 33 years. While there, she earned many certifications through the Gemological Institute of America. She was also a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bradley, Il.

Surviving are one son, Jeff Thompson, of Bourbonnais, one daughter, Aimee (Jim) McCurry of Clifton, two stepsons, Darren (Lisa) Westphal of Bradley, Scott (Dawn) Westphal of Frankfort, and one stepdaughter Kristy (Jason) Witt of Waukesha, Wisconsin; and six grandchildren, Mackenzie and Hanna Thompson, Jacob, Jeffrey, Joshua, and Johnathan McCurry, and four step-grandchildren, Leigan, Amelia, and Chloe Westphal and Griffin Witt; and two sisters, Diane Jemar of Clifton and Sue (Bob) Stein of Appleton, Wi. She also has many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Eldon and Thelma Alwine, her first husband, Larry Thompson, and one brother-in-law, Ed Jemar.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Cabery.  
Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Cabery, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 8.** 4:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**AUG 9.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center  
Bradley, IL 60915  
(815) 939-3573

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ *Len and Mary Krull of Spring Branch, TX*



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**Len and Mary Krull** - August 29, 2024 at 10:45 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Kary Westphal*



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**Tom Mallaney** - August 09, 2024 at 11:45 AM

PS

“ *Promet Steel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kary Westphal.*

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**Promet Steel** - August 07, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ *Pink, Yellow, & White Wildflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Kary Westphal.*



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August 07, 2024 at 03:59 PM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of Kary's passing. Lovely lady with a great smile. Condolences to her family, keeping them in my prayers.

*Cathie Miedema*



**cathie miedema** - August 07, 2024 at 12:01 PM

NW

“ Nora Cardosi Walker lit a candle in memory of Kary Westphal



**Nora Cardosi Walker** - August 07, 2024 at 11:10 AM

DK

“ Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Kary Westphal



**Darcy & Donn Kane** - August 06, 2024 at 07:55 PM

JD

“ Dear sweet, and a bit of fire, Kary Westphal. Dave and I remember Kary fondly as she enters into Glory.

*Dave and Jodi Drazy*

**Jodi and Dave Drazy** - August 06, 2024 at 02:42 PM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Kary Westphal*



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**Mary Blum** - August 06, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DL

“ *My condolences to all of Kary's family. She always had a smile & was kindhearted. She will be missed.*



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**Debra Lambert** - August 06, 2024 at 11:13 AM

BJ

“ *Darren, so very sorry to hear about Kary. Barb (Jensen) Jackson*



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**Barb Jackson** - August 06, 2024 at 10:44 AM

DP

“ *I remember playing euchre at Kary and Larry's house with all the railroaders and we wives. The guys usually drink too much beer and one night we girls dealt the cards out eight times in a row and the guys never did deal and they didn't even know it. So many great memories. I'm sending love and prayers to the family.*

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**Debbie Pepin** - August 06, 2024 at 10:33 AM

JB

*Sympathy to Kary's family  
She was so fun and could she sell jewelry  
May she rest in peace with God'  
Loving hands by her  
Jeanne And Roger Benjamin*

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**Jeanne Benjamin** - August 06, 2024 at 10:02 PM