



## Trudy Capelle

April 10, 1947 - May 24, 2015

Trudy Capelle, age 68, of Kankakee, passed away on May 24, 2015 at home. Trudy was born on April 10, 1947 to Harold and Dixie (Kennedy) Capelle, Jr. in Kankakee. Ms. Capelle began her teaching career in 1971 at Herscher schools and Momence. After teaching in Southern Illinois, she continued her work in Special Education with District 111 (1979 - 2006). After retiring from KSD she continued to teach preschool for special needs children part time in Momence and Pembroke School districts. She received her Bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University and did her graduated work in Special Education at Southern Illinois University. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher teaching Sunday school for many years. Ms. Capelle was very active in the Kankakee School District Teachers Union serving as Vice President and President for nearly 25 years. In the 1980's she served as house chairman for the Junior League of Kankakee County, helping to restore the historic Stone Barn.

Trudy is survived by her daughter, Tara (Michael) Kanoski of Bradley, IL and two grandchildren, Cameron and Chase Kanoski. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will take place on June 15, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home's Kankakee Chapel. Trudy's funeral service will immediately follow visitation time and begin at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Eric Brown

will officiate. Burial will immediately follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Herscher. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Herscher, IL 60941

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 15.** 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

**JUN 15.** 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Trudy Capelle*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Trudy I remember our days in the Octagang and all the times we snuck in the drive in movies to watch west side story. Thousands of memories in our times together and look forward to our reunion in heaven!*  
*Longtin*

**candice melton** - April 18, 2016 at 02:29 AM



“ *My condolences and deepest sympathy to Trudy's family. She was a wonderful person, good friend and classmate. She will be greatly missed by everyone.*

*Gary Gash*

**Gary Gash** - June 15, 2015 at 02:02 PM



JF

“ Where do you start to write a memory about Trudy!! So many!! Most of all I would say that she LIVED life in every respect. She lived "in the now", not afraid to tackle the impossible...in all of her years here in the earth... She was a true friend...you were blessed to be in her closest circle of friends...She loved deeply...that is why in her profession she was so outstanding...

*I know we will see each other again and rejoice...For the time being, it is a true void in our lives that no other person can fill...*

*My heart goes out to her family... You were blessed with the best!! I will continue to hold you all in my prayers...*

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**Jenny Fienning** - June 13, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ Purple Rose with Carnations and Lilies (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Trudy Capelle.



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June 11, 2015 at 11:32 AM

JP

“ We have known Trudy since the fall of 1984 when she, Dodie Richard, and other teachers of the Kankakee Teachers Union joined the Kankakee Community College Faculty Association information picketing (for a first contract) at the Kankakee Armory. Over the years, we got to know Trudy more in our cooperative union work on the local, state, and national levels. She was a very active and gregarious person who contributed to the lives of so many. A few words here cannot possibly sum up the positive difference she made in our community and beyond. Her life as a teacher enabled her to leave an indelible touch on her students. We offer Tara and all the rest of Trudy's family and friends our deepest sympathy. We have made a donation in Trudy's memory to the Hospice of Kankakee Valley.  
Jim and Pat Paul

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**James Paul** - June 08, 2015 at 08:29 AM

MA

“ Mandy lit a candle in memory of Trudy Capelle



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**mandy** - June 03, 2015 at 05:29 PM

JS

“ Ms. Trudy was an amazing educator with loads of compassion, care, and concern for her students and their families. Her smile was infectious and her demeanor and spirit were so sweet!! She was phenomenal in her career with special needs students. Ms. Trudy will be missed dearly!  
Joyce Shoemaker and Family (Romel)

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**Joyce Shoemaker** - June 01, 2015 at 02:13 PM

LP

“ *Lara Plecas sent a virtual gift in memory of Trudy Capelle*



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**Lara Plecas** - May 31, 2015 at 01:36 PM

LP

“ *Trudy was a very special person to all that knew her. Her love and laughter will be deeply missed... Love always, ♡ Lara , Clint and Olivia Plecas*

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**Lara Plecas** - May 31, 2015 at 01:33 PM

KW

“ *Kaye Lovell Wallace lit a candle in memory of Trudy Capelle*



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**Kaye Lovell Wallace** - May 31, 2015 at 11:48 AM

FC

“ *So many wonderful memories! May you rest in peace!*

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**Francis Ciaccio** - May 30, 2015 at 04:17 PM

RA

“ Rhonda Ayers-Haflich lit a candle in memory of Trudy Capelle



Rhonda Ayers-Haflich - May 28, 2015 at 01:47 PM

BA

“ Beverly Arseneay lit a candle in memory of Trudy Capelle



Beverly Arseneay - May 28, 2015 at 01:39 PM

JC

“ Jeanne Chapman lit a candle in memory of Trudy Capelle



Jeanne Chapman - May 28, 2015 at 01:36 PM

JS

“ Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of Trudy Capelle



Janice Shenk - May 28, 2015 at 08:37 AM

DC

“ *Delaina Caise lit a candle in memory of Trudy Capelle*



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**Delaina Caise** - May 27, 2015 at 06:40 PM

AV

“ *Trudy and I were trained in AFT ER&D together in the late 1980's. Trudy is a beautiful Spirit. May God Bless her soul.*

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**Ava** - May 27, 2015 at 11:57 AM

JH

*I'll never forget Trudy. She was a good friend, cultured and fun, and a fine lady. I've never forgotten her and never will, I'll always miss you Trudy.*  
*JerryHolz*

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**jerry holz** - June 01, 2015 at 12:52 AM

LS

*Effervescent, vivacious, kindhearted, loving, caring, a scholar, a shopper, a gardener, a traveler, a teacher, a leader and a mentor, Spiritual and a Sister of the Heart of Chi Sigma Phi and Delta Gamma. This was my beloved friend Trudy. Never a day will go by that her presence won't be missed. I will hold each moment spent together over our lifetime in my heart always. Peace and comfort especially to Cameron, Tara and her husband. My gratitude to her dear friends also for their constant dedication and loving care for the sweetest Instrument of God's Peace.....Trudy!*

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**Louise Settino-Sobieski** - June 03, 2015 at 09:39 PM