



Joyce Bethke

April 1, 1939 - October 11, 2025

Joyce Ann Bethke, 86, of Antioch Illinois passed away peacefully on Saturday October 11, 2025.

She was born in DePere Wisconsin on April 01, 1939, the daughter of the late Henry and Florence Willemsen (Kersten). Joyce grew up in the Midwest and graduated from Walworth High School. She became a graduate of Mercy Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse. Her career and passion were working in obstetrics and gynecology, specifically the nursery. She enjoyed traveling, sewing, quilting, scrap booking, playing the piano, watching old westerns, shopping for the latest fashions, and playing cribbage.

She is survived by her husband James E. Bethke and their 5 children, Kevin (Susan) Bethke, Kelly (Richard) Blada, Kyle (Bonnie) Bethke, Kim Bonner and Kari (Patrick) Palbicke and 13 grandchildren, Gabrielle Goodman, Sophie Bethke, Aidan Bethke, Jacob Blada, Jared Blada, Caitlyn Bethke, Emma Bethke, Bridget Bethke, Jack Bethke, Laurel Bonner, Natalie Palbicke, Liam Palbicke, Breanna Palbicke and 7 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Jeanine Reynolds, Peter, and Roger Willemsen along with her parents Henry and Florence Willemsen.

A visitation will be from 5-8 PM on October 17, 2025, at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Rt 83 Lake Villa, Illinois 60046. A 10 AM Mass will be held at St. Raphael's 40,000 N. US HWY 45, Lake Villa, Illinois 60046. Burial will be at Roselawn Memory Garden's, 3045 WI-67 Delevan, Wisconsin.

In celebrating the life of our beloved Joyce, we acknowledge that family was always the cornerstone of her existence. Her unwavering love and commitment to family was evident in every interaction, every gathering, and every shared moment. Joyce taught us the importance of connection, support, and togetherness, reminding us that through life's challenges and joys, it is our family that provides strength and comfort.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church
40000 North U.S. Highway 45
Old Mill Creek, IL 60046
(847) 395-3474

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Copper Mountain Food & Beverage Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Bethke.



Copper Mountain Food & Beverage Team - October 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM

CT

“ Copper Mountain Food & Beverage Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bethke.

Copper Mountain Food & Beverage Team - October 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Bethke.



October 16, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Bethke.



October 16, 2025 at 01:41 PM

MM

“ Miriam and Jim Mulva purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Joyce Bethke.



Miriam and Jim Mulva - October 16, 2025 at 10:17 AM

GE

“ Gary Ellsworth purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Bethke.



Gary Ellsworth - October 16, 2025 at 08:12 AM

GE

“ Gary Ellsworth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bethke.

Gary Ellsworth - October 16, 2025 at 08:12 AM

TA

“ Terrell A. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joyce Bethke.



Terrell A. - October 16, 2025 at 07:29 AM

TA

“ Terrell A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bethke.

Terrell A. - October 16, 2025 at 07:29 AM

DW

“ Donna Willemsen purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Joyce Bethke.



Donna Willemsen - October 15, 2025 at 07:11 PM

DW

“ Donna Willemsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bethke.

Donna Willemsen - October 15, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Bethke.



October 15, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ SAP Solution Advisory planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bethke.

SAP Solution Advisory - October 15, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Bethke.



October 15, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ Mai Chi Coombes & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Bethke.

Mai Chi Coombes & Family - October 15, 2025 at 04:24 PM