



## Charlene Hertz Dybedock

October 30, 1941 - August 21, 2019

Charlene Hertz Dybedock, 77, of Kankakee, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at her residence. She was born on October 30, 1941 in Chicago, the daughter of David and Charlotte Saurbier Westerwelle.

Charlene received her B.A. from Northern Illinois University and her M.B.A. from Olivet Nazarene University. She also received a post graduation certificate in Organizational Development from National Training Lab Institute in Behavioral Sciences. Charlene was a business owner. Before retiring, she was a managing partner of Midwest Tower Leasing, Inc. which manages and leases space on broadcast and communications towers in a five state region. Prior to entering the tower business, she spent 15 years as an administrator at Kankakee Community College. She was the Vice President of Economic Development and Institutional Planning when she left the college in 1992. Charlene was a member of Provena St. Mary's Hospital Board and Directors since 1986, serving as Chairman of the Board from 2002 until 2006. She was a member of the Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault Board of Directors, serving as Chairman of the Board from 2005 until 2006. She was also a past President of the Kankakee Kiwanis Club, where she was the first woman admitted in 1987 and was also the first woman President. Charlene served 14 years as Commissioner of the Kankakee Valley Park District, serving as President for 5 of those years. She served on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Kankakee County, the Kankakee Development

Corporation, the Kankakee County Economic Development Council, and the Illinois Association of Park Districts. Charlene was awarded the Zonta Leadership Award in 1996 and the St. Mary's Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2001. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, having served as President of the Congregation.

Charlene was the loving mother of six children, Dr. Erich and Tricia Hertz, of New York, Carl Hertz and Dr. Heather Eisele, of Chicago, Rhonda and Bob Crink, of Twin Lake, MI, Larry and Traci Dybedock, of Nixa, MO, Scott and Audrey Dybedock, of Brownsburg, IN, and Steve and Robin Dybedock, of Chicago. She was the very proud grandmother of Amelia Ruth Hertz, Greta Charlene Hertz, Magnus Eisele-Hertz, Rowan Eisele-Hertz, Brittani (Arnaud) Dierickx, Brian Crink, Grace Dybedock, and Christian Dybedock. Also surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Patty Westerwelle, of Dayton, OH; her former husband, Noel Hertz, of Chicago; and two nieces, Ann (Tom) Hintz and Sarah (Jason) Gregga. In addition to her family, Charlene loved her community and was a friend, parent, and grandparent to many people she met.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her former husband, Howard Dybedock.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of the 11:00 am memorial service on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at St. John United Church of Christ in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John United Church Of Christ  
1045 W. River  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-3336  
<http://www.stjohnucc-kan-il.org/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Charlene and Noel were the Class Advisors for PHS Class of 66. Charlene was our generation of "Cher". We loved that she was young and open to the opinions of teenagers as well as tolerating us.. We enjoyed the short time we had with her in high school and wish she and her families speedy healing with her death.*

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**PHS Class of 66** - August 26, 2019 at 12:15 PM

AS

“*Erich et al, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was just amazing woman.*

*Angela Cotsones Shea*

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**Angela Shea** - August 26, 2019 at 10:56 AM

CH

“*Charlene, thank you for your friendship and the insights you shared at Thursday book club. Thank you for your support and encouragement of us when we lived in Kankakee and after we moved away. Thank you for your example of community service! Peace to your family and many friends as they say goodbye.*  
*Candace Hill*

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**Candace Hill** - August 24, 2019 at 04:18 PM

MB

“*Rest in peace and know that you left a lasting impact at Kankakee Community College.*

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**Mike Boyd** - August 23, 2019 at 12:35 PM

MF

“ *Maxymillian Family purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Charlene Hertz Dybedock.*



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**Maxymillian Family** - August 23, 2019 at 07:45 AM

KR

“ *Jerry and I wish to express our sympathy to Charlene’s family. We were very close friends with her and Noel when we were in high school and college. Char and I were Co-editors of our high school newspaper. The four of us spent many evenings eating pizza box pizza and playing bridge in the Hertz’s VW bus in Pilcher Park. Her daughter-in-law did an internship at GE in Cincinnati. Jerry worked there. Char came to Cincinnati to visit us that year. The last time we saw her was at our 50th high school reunion in 2019. We were on our way to our retirement home in Tucson. She dazzled us with her new Toyota which had all the bells and whistles. She had a sore on her leg which Jerry said might be mersa and told her to get to a doctor. She did. She later called to tell us it was mersa. She sent me a copy of her poetry book some years back. She was an amazing woman. The world is a better place because of her. She was a wonderful friend and taught me a lot. Jerry and Karen Randolph*

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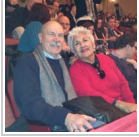
**Karen Pickett Randolph** - August 22, 2019 at 09:20 PM

JG

“ *Rest in peace good friend.*  
*Joe Giacchino*

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**Joseph Giacchino** - August 22, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ Hugs and prayers are with you at this sad loss. May God's peace and comfort be yours.



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**Mary Quiroz Thomson** - August 22, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Charlene Hertz Dybedock



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**MR MRS** - August 22, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ Breaks my heart, Our talks and lunch dates will be missed. Fly high, my friend. Not Goodbye just see ya later. <3



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**Kim Willis** - August 22, 2019 at 09:28 AM