



Josette Nelson

April 27, 1960 - December 19, 2025

Josette Nelson, age 65, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, December 19, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born April 27, 1960 in Port Au-Prince, Haiti, the daughter of Joseph & Souvenir (Simon) Jean-Baptiste.

Josette was the Rehabilitation Coordinator at Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee. She enjoyed helping others and did a lot of mission work in Haiti. Josette had a great sense of humor, always making others laugh. She was truly loved by all.

Josette was a member of the Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are one daughter, Jessica Nelson of Ft. Myers, FL; one sister, Eunice (Joel) Laborde of Tampa, FL; and two brothers, Philippe (Debra) Jean-Baptiste of Washington D.C. and Ulysse (Marilyn) Jean-Baptiste of Paris, France. Josette is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Joseph Jean-Baptiste and Gamaliel Jean-Baptiste.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Tribute Wall

YS

“ YVONNE SHIVERS lit a candle in memory of
Josette Nelson



YVONNE SHIVERS - January 26 at 10:02 PM

CJ

“ Jessica I'm so sorry and my deepest condolences to you and your family. Josette was one of the kindest, compassionate person. Her smile lit of the room and made you feel so comfortable and she had the compassion for people. Thank you Josette for your kindness. It was always a joy and pleasure to talk to you

Clara Jackson - January 04 at 08:55 AM

LM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Josette's passing. Josette always had a smile to give that made you feel so good. She will truly be missed. My condolences, Jessica to you and your family.

Louise Mansfield - December 30, 2025 at 10:17 AM

JE

“ Rest in peace Josette. You will be missed.



Julie Enright - December 22, 2025 at 04:01 PM

TY

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. Josette was so a kind caring person.



Tracie Yoder - December 21, 2025 at 05:10 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of Josette Nelson




Cheryl Wilson - December 21, 2025 at 10:45 AM

LB

“ I am sooo sorry for your loss. I worked with Josette at Riverside. I remember her smiles and friendliness. 🙏

LoriAnn Bruer - December 20, 2025 at 07:54 PM

 Lauren Rybolt

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Josette was so kind and caring. 💜



Lauren Rybolt - December 20, 2025 at 07:34 PM

GG

“ Jessica i am so very sorry your mom was a very kind and caring person keeping u in my thoughts and prayers.



Gloria Graham - December 20, 2025 at 04:45 PM

IC

RAYNALD / IRANNA CASIMIR

We saw Jose Jan/2020 when she came to Naples with Jessica for a short visit. We missed you very much. Our deepest sympathies go out to Jessica, Pasteur Ilus, Eunice and Phillipe. May the Lord comfort you and carry you through it.

IRANNA CASIMIR - December 22, 2025 at 09:06 PM

CD

Jessica, I am so sorry to hear this. Your mom was a wonderful woman who cared about others. She will be missed.

cindy Durnbaugh - December 23, 2025 at 11:01 AM

DD

My prayers and condolences to you Jessica and your family. Josette will definitely be missed by her Howe Developmental Center, co-workers.

Dorothea Dillard - December 24, 2025 at 09:00 PM