



## Joyce M. Volkmann

February 17, 1959 - July 26, 2019

Joyce M. Volkmann, age 60, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, July 26, 2019 at Citadel Nursing Center in Kankakee.

She was born February 17, 1959 in Kankakee, the daughter of Walter H. & Barbara Rose Volkmann.

Joyce married Jeff Yonke on March 21, 2002 in Las Vegas, NV.

She was the manager of Volkmann Diamonds.

Joyce was a 1976 graduate of Kankakee High School and a 1981 graduate of Southern Illinois University.

She was a member of American Gem Society and Independent Jewelers Association.

She enjoyed Blues music and assisted in booking bands.

Joyce loved to travel.

Surviving are her husband, Jeff Yonke of Kankakee; one son, Jay Carter Volkmann of Virginia Beach, VA; one daughter, Jordan Ailli Yonke of Kankakee; her mother, Barbara Volkmann of Kankakee; two brothers, W. Eric & Renee Volkmann of Paris and Neil Carter Volkmann of St. Louis, MO; and eight nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made for her children's education.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ When I think of Joyce i remember a decade of life in Urbana ,a wonderful cozy home, and a crazy cat named McGee, and my funny roommate Joyce. She lit up the room wherever we were...if Joyce was there I felt at home. She just had such giant personality and a welcoming ,loving persona.

Never without her trademark smile, never without her optimism and fun. She was the best company to keep. Her knowledge of her store and her brilliance with customers was effortless. Joyce's dad ,so interesting with his depth of knowledge, his gentility . Such a nice man. Joyce's brothers - always fun , had those easy volkmann smiles..and great spirit. Mrs. Volkmann was such a strength for Joyce and my heart breaks for all of you, Jordan and Jay , Jeff. Im so sorry my friend you left too soon and I hope you find peace. God Bless the Volkmanns.



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**Jane Blais** - August 12, 2019 at 08:52 AM

GR

“ Our sympathy goes out to the entire Volkmann family for their loss...

Joyce was always smiling and such a happy spirit...

Garry and Elaine Reichert & family

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**Garry Reichert** - August 04, 2019 at 11:12 AM

BC

“ My condolences to the Volkman family and family of Joyce's husband. I have special memories of Joyce forever. We met personally through a Fibromyalgia Support group that I led. Through that we became friends. Joyce and I would travel to a clinic in Southern Il and stay at the cabin belonging to her family. Through those trips, I found out who Joyce was. Before meeting her, I only knew her by Volkman name. Joyce was a wonderful listener, caring person and person who found the best in others. I habe not seen Joyce in a long time but by looks of these pictures, she was full of life to the end. Joyce had a name in this community because she had something hard to find in buisnessed. She TRULY cared for her customers, treated them with request andcalways did what she could to help the customer. Yes, Joyce is up there with our Lord and Father Irsising him. And visiting with her dad!! She has all the gems she will ever desire in Heaven. Prayers for the families, husband and children!

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**Brenda Cluney** - August 04, 2019 at 12:35 AM

HJ

“ Always a Big Smile, and a Big hug. Joyce had a heart of Gold! Always a kind word. May she be at peace.

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**Hugh Janda** - August 03, 2019 at 08:31 PM

GM

“ My sincere condolences to the Joyce Volkman family. Gone way to young and always full of life. Sorry I could not make the service as I have move to Fort Wayne and worked today. Joyce represented her family well and seem to always look for the best in all. We will remember those good memories of her. Gary M Watland

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**Gary MWatland** - August 03, 2019 at 07:58 PM

TB

“ *Our condolences. May God be with you all during this time!*

*Tom & Linda Boisvert*

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**tom boisvert** - August 03, 2019 at 06:05 PM

PM

“ *Padma Muduli purchased the Ghirardelli Galore for the family of Joyce M. Volkmann.*



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**Padma Muduli** - August 03, 2019 at 02:48 PM

KS

“ *Joyce at her 60th Birthday Celebration.*



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**kat seiber** - August 02, 2019 at 07:05 PM

LM

“ *Joyce and I grew up near each other, attended the same schools, swam on the Y and High School swim teams. I have many memories of time past, especially of overnights at her house where her father would scare us with scary stories. Life took us in different directions, but Facebook reunited us a few years back. We had similar interests. We will all miss her big heart and her beautiful smile.*

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**Laurel (Hall) Maze** - August 02, 2019 at 04:14 PM

JR

“ I enjoyed our many conversations at your work place, I will miss you, and I will be thinking about you.

Jesse Rodriguez - August 02, 2019 at 01:28 PM

CD

“ Joyce,

I will miss you, my DEAR Friend.  
You fought a good fight. Now may you rest in peace.

My condolence to the Volkmann and Yonke Family. You are in my prayers.

Godspeed,  
Cynthia J. Dear-Babatunde

Cynthia J. Dear-Babatunde - August 01, 2019 at 11:50 PM



PH

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. I always enjoyed seeing her whenever I went into Volkmann's jewelry store. She was such a lovely person and I know she will be missed greatly. My sympathies go out to her Family.

Pam Hibbert - August 01, 2019 at 09:47 PM

KF

“ Kelly Engel and family purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Joyce M. Volkmann.



Kelly Engel and family - August 01, 2019 at 05:44 PM

MZ

“ Sorry for your loss,you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Joyce was such a nice person,she never met a stranger. She sold my son my daughter in laws engagement ring,we will always remember her knowledge and kindness.



MaDonna Zasada - August 01, 2019 at 01:16 PM

Carl  
Irps

“ You were a Great Friend , Joyce  
Thanks for the Memories .  
See ya again someday .  
Love Ya



Carl Irps - July 31, 2019 at 06:29 PM

JL

“ Joyce,one of the truly outstanding scholar athletes at Westview High in the the 70's.An outstanding person from an outstanding family,who i am sure will be dearly missed.

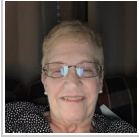
John Leveridge  
Guidance  
Westview High

John Leveridge - July 31, 2019 at 05:48 PM

NL

“ Joyce sat, Entertained Me, ‘Observed the Goings and Comings’ of All Eastridge Alumni at the Class Of ‘75 40th Reunion Mixer In August 2025! We Also Kept in touch via Facebook. She Loved Life and Those Around Her💕💕💕!!

Nancy Leonard - July 31, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ To Barbara and Family, I was so very sad to read of Joyce's passing. I used to babysit for her and her brothers. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With Love, Karen Jackson Riml

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**Karen Jackson Riml** - July 31, 2019 at 01:42 PM

KS

“ Joyce thank you for the beautiful memories 🥰🥰



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**kat seiber** - July 31, 2019 at 10:50 AM

KR

“ I grew up with Joyce and also worked at Volkmanns during the summer when I would come home from college. The Volkmann family was very good to me. Great memories.

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**Kathy (Deam) Rusher** - July 31, 2019 at 10:00 AM

JL

“Joyce was a very knowledgeable jeweler. She could tell what metal a piece of jewelry was just by feeling it. She also had great staff that were equally good and made excellent repairs and replaced watch batteries quickly. She was someone who had a lot of answers for any question that you had. She has definitely left a great legacy of excellence. I am sure that she and her Father are in heaven talking about jewelery. RIP Joyce.

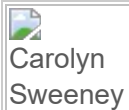
Joann Lambert - July 31, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“So many memories of Joyce as my student, a swimmer especially in 500 crawl, a jewelry designer and more and now gone way too soon. May God's peace and comfort fill all of you and may fond memories bring smiles as you think of her life. Love, hugs and prayers are with you.



Mary Quiroz Thomson - July 30, 2019 at 03:40 PM



Carolyn Sweeney

“Met Joyce in our Urbana party days and became easy friends...such a complex and interesting person who brought the fun. She's been a part of my entire adult life...always in touch, meeting up when we could. She brightened up everything around her. My heart aches to lose her, my love to her family and friends. She's the best. Her star will always shine bright. Love, Angel

Carolyn Sweeney - July 30, 2019 at 01:36 PM

GP

“ Grew up with Cathy Kuester, Fred, Barb, & Ellen. Right next door. So, I knew Joyce. Always pretty. As children we would race up & down the steps of the Volkmann Building. The trick, was to see who could do it the fastest. My deepest sympathy, to a wonderful, family.

Ginny Price - July 30, 2019 at 11:37 AM



My deepest sympathies to family and friends of my childhood pal, Joyce. Grew up across from Kuester family, sharing escapades and unforgettable memories with Joyce, Cathy, Barb, and Ellen. Joyce, you were a shining diamond even as a child! I cherish those years we all had, including your many cousins. My heart hurts for all. We will miss you forever.

Kathy Tribbey - August 01, 2019 at 11:27 AM

LO

Joyce was a caring person. I remember the whole family taking turns to bring and pick up the children at Asbury ChildCare Center where I worked as a Preschool Teacher. Joyce will be missed but never forgotten. Prayers to the family and friends of Joyce Volkmann. Leila Owen

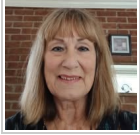
Leila Owen - August 03, 2019 at 10:17 AM

JU

“ Julie lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Volkmann



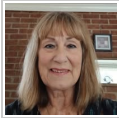
Julie - July 30, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ Catherine Waite sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce M. Volkmann



Catherine Waite - July 30, 2019 at 09:34 AM



*I was so surprised to hear that Joyce had passed. There is never enough time to say I love you and you are important. Love and blessings of comfort to Joyce's family and friends.*

Catherine Waite - July 30, 2019 at 09:35 AM



*Cathy, my condolences to you and your family on the loss of your cousin.*

Bob Schneider - July 30, 2019 at 12:20 PM



*My deepest sympathies to you, Fred and Ellen, Cath. Hold on to cherished memories. Love to you all.*

Kathy Tribbey - August 01, 2019 at 11:27 AM

MM

“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Volkmann



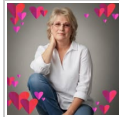
MR MRS - July 30, 2019 at 07:18 AM



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Lëxië Suë - July 30, 2019 at 12:05 AM



*Very bad pic of me, uhggg but it's the memory that counts*

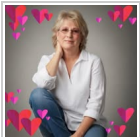
Lëxië Suë - July 30, 2019 at 12:05 AM

MG

“ *Mary Gant lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Volkmann*



Mary Gant - July 30, 2019 at 12:04 AM



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Lëxië Suë - July 30, 2019 at 12:04 AM



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**Lëxië Suë** - July 30, 2019 at 12:03 AM



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**Lëxië Suë** - July 30, 2019 at 12:02 AM



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**Lëxië Suë** - July 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



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Lëxië Suë - July 29, 2019 at 11:59 PM

KS

“ Tim and I really appreciated Joyce and Jeff's support when we had the restaurant open. They were our moral support and fellow Kankakee business supporters. Joyce always brought positive vibes to us with a smile on her face. We will miss her. RIP Joyce.

Karen Schmidt - July 29, 2019 at 08:43 PM

MG

Joyce and I were classmates every since 6 grade. Joyce always had a beautiful spirit and made friends very easily. Every time I went into the store to get my earrings she would always ask me about a special pair of pearls which I cherished. One day the post came off so they had to be repaired. She was like Mary girl you can't just pull these off. If I needed a door prize for one of the many organizations that I work with Joyce would always say Come on in and I will see what I can do. I even won a 100.00 gift certificate one Mother's Day. Joyce I will never forget your kindness. If I missed a Class Reunion you would tell me all about it. So now your sprit can be free and shine bright like those diamonds. Rest on friend. 💎👑🌿

Mary Gant - July 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



Lëxië Suë - July 30, 2019 at 12:08 AM



“ *My Heartfelt Condolences to the family 🙏  
Jeffry C. Satterwhite*



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**Jeff Satterwhite** - July 29, 2019 at 07:54 PM



“ *To Joyce's husband and children, to Barb and Eric and Neil, sincere  
condolences from George and Jane Potter.*

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**Jane Potter** - July 29, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ *Kaye Wallace lit a candle in memory of Joyce  
M. Volkmann*



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**Kaye Wallace** - July 29, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ *Joyce was one of the most kind and loving people I have ever met.  
We are all poorer without her.*

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**Lolly Schneider Ward** - July 29, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *Kat Seiber lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Volkmann*



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**Kat Seiber** - July 29, 2019 at 06:46 PM



“ *Tomorrow is never promised, that saying is so true. Here today gone tomorrow. It was an honor and a privilege to be Joyce Volkmann's friend. She was indeed a beautiful soul. She practiced kindness towards others. Everytime I would see her she had a big gorgeous smile upon her face. Her loving spirit shined ever so brightly through her eyes. Her spirit had an impact on other peoples lives as well.. I was truly blessed to have her friendship in this journey through life. Like many others I will deeply miss her.*

*To Joyce's mom and siblings Eric and Neil and to her husband Jeff and her children Jay and Jordan and the rest of the family. I pray God will be with you through this heartwrenching loss and bring you comfort.*

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**Kat Seiber** - July 29, 2019 at 06:42 PM



*Beautiful Kat!*

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**Lëxië Suë** - July 29, 2019 at 11:47 PM

BP

“ *Beulah Pennell lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Volkmann*



Beulah Pennell - July 29, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ *Candy Ray lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Volkmann*



Candy Ray - July 29, 2019 at 05:55 PM

KC

“ *I MET JOYCE YEARS AGO AT A GET TOGETHER AT A FRIENDS HOUSE. OUR PERSONALITIES CLICKED TOGETHER AND WE HAD GREAT STORIES AND LAUGHS. HER SMILE WOULD LIGHT UP A ROOM WHEN SHE WALKED IN. SUCH A WARM PERSON. LOVE YOU JOYCE RIH. SENDING ANGELS OF COMFORT AND STRENGTH TO THE FAMILY. HUGS TO ALL..KARON CHARBONNEAU*



KARO CHARBONNEAU - July 29, 2019 at 05:34 PM



Lëxië Suë - July 30, 2019 at 12:08 AM



“ *My heart is hurting so bad. We been friends since high school swim team. Life just wont be the same without you in. I know you are the prettiest angel in heaven. This all happened so fast im still in shock. My son Dustin and Joyce shared the same birthday i will forever celebtate your bday with his. I will cherish my beautiful necklace i purchased from you and the precious stones you gave me for my 60th birthday. I may get one made as a necklace or something in honor of you. I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU. Many prayers to Jeff, Jay, Jordan and rest of Volkman familu*



Lëxië Suë - July 29, 2019 at 05:13 PM



*Sorry for m IU sprint and  
Sincerely Alexia "Chambers" Helm*

Lëxië Suë - July 29, 2019 at 05:15 PM



*Misprint*

Lëxië Suë - July 29, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Carl Irps lit a candle in memory of Joyce M. Volkman*



Carl Irps - July 29, 2019 at 05:09 PM



*You were such a Great Friend , Joyce .  
You will never be forgotten*

Carl Irps - July 29, 2019 at 05:11 PM

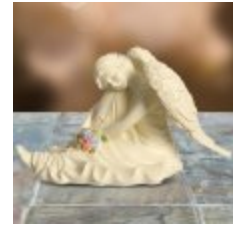


*Yes she was a great friend never to be forgotten*

**Lëxië Suë** - July 29, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ *Platinum - Serene Angel was purchased for the family of Joyce M. Volkmann.*



July 29, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ *I used to go to the jewelry store all the time until it closed we would talk for hours at times and she would always show me the special things she had in the store and would give me discounts on everything I bought. Such a sweetheart we shared a lot of personal things that each of us were going through at the time. I missed going to the store after it closed and we both had passions for a lot of the same things. She truly loved the jewels and gems she had , I gave her one of mine and she would give me some too. GOD BLESS HER AND KEEP HER IN HIS ARMS FOREVER. PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ST THIS DIFFICULT TIME MAY GOD GIVE YOU ALL PEACE AND COMFORT, AMEN.*

**Harlan Judd** - July 29, 2019 at 04:23 PM



*I will not be able to attend sending love and good vibes to all*

**Harlan Judd** - July 29, 2019 at 04:25 PM

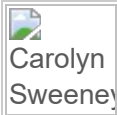
GB

“ One of my dearest has passed way too soon. As always, I was looking to see you in Chicago this summer for our annual "Hey there, old friend!". We will instead raise a toast to your wonderfulness. Joyce and I go way back to junior high, when her punky younger brother Eric sat next me to in the sax section, and she and my sister were good friends on and off the swim team. It was great to share the UI campus with her, as our circle of friends melted together.

*My deepest sympathies to he Volkmann family. While she is gone too soon, she did shine as bright as a star!*

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**Gary Busch** - July 29, 2019 at 04:14 PM



Carolyn Sweeney

*you said it well Gary, I am stunned that she is gone, she did and still does shine very bright. she had a way of melting friends together.*

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**Carolyn Sweeney** - July 30, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ *I will miss you, Joyce. My deepest condolences to those who mourn her passing. She had a heart bigger than the sky.*

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**Bob Schneider** - July 29, 2019 at 03:50 PM



*Bob she sure did. I'm so so sad*

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**Lëxië Suë** - July 29, 2019 at 11:52 PM

JD

*My heart is aching for the whole family. She is no longer suffering and is with her father in Heaven. My sympathy to all.  
Love to the whole family,  
Joyce*

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**Joyce Driver** - August 03, 2019 at 02:51 PM