



## Virginia Helen Wayer

June 26, 1946 - November 23, 2024

Virginia Helen Wayer, 78, of Kankakee, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2024.

Virginia was born on June 26, 1946 in Chicago, IL to Joseph and Josephine (Tarnowski) Kmiecik. She graduated from Loyola University in Chicago, IL and attended Felician College. 30 plus years of her life were proudly dedicated to teaching in Chicago area Catholic schools as well as St. Martin of Tours and Sts. Patrick and Teresa School in Kankakee.

She married her beloved husband, Michael J. Wayer on June 24, 1972 and shared a devotion to love and laughter for 52 years.

Loved and missed by her husband, Michael; children, Ali (Jeff Dumas), Jason (Misti) and Teri (Travis Crumrine); her grandchildren, Olivia, Sophia, Gabriella, Spencer, Isaac and Stella; Brothers-in-law Vincent Wayer, David Wayer, and Gregory Macievic; several cousins and friends. Was preceded in death by her parents and sister-in-law, Patricia (Wayer) Macievic.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading, annual family summer vacations, puzzles, decorating for the holidays and dinners with her close friends, "The Goddesses". Virginia was also an affiliate of The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

Thanks to her many friends and family members for their prayers, love, kindness and support as it brought happiness and comfort to Virginia's life.

Remember to always carry her memory in your heart.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral Mass on

Saturday, November 30, 2024 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ([jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org)), a cause close to her heart are appreciated.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

GF

“ *The Piatt and Fahey families wish to send our condolences and deepest sympathies to Michael and family on the passing of Virginia. She was a beautiful lady with a beautiful soul to match. She had a sparkle and lit up anywhere where she was. We are blessed for having her in our lives for many years at church and religious education. She will always be deeply missed. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. May God comfort all of you today and in the days ahead.*



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**Gary & Rose Piatt and Lou & Jo Fahey** - November 30, 2024 at 01:59 PM

MB

“ *Mrs. Wayer made the school and Religious Ed. so much brighter and happier with her smile, laugh and endless joy! I had the blessing of working with her with the Religious Ed. program. She had such creative ideas and always grace and mercy and loving kindness for the children who needed an extra hand. I never forget she and Mr. Wayer dancing to the music of mariachi at our wedding reception! She will always be in our hearts and greatly missed! Love and prayers to Mr. Wayer and their kids and grandkids and extended family. She is smiling down from heaven on you!*



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**Marcia Brown-Medina** - November 30, 2024 at 08:19 AM

DG

“ Virg was one of the most loving, caring and compassionate people you would meet. Truly an angel on earth. Her smile and laugh would light up a room. We love you and miss you deeply. To Michael and the kids, thank you for all your love and caring for Virg. We love you and you are in our prayers during this difficult time. Cousin Diane and family

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**Diane Guzaitis** - November 29, 2024 at 07:25 PM

TO

“ The Olszewski family is sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful 2nd grade teacher to me personally, and her husband a great principal. The Wayer family is in our prayers.

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**Tyler Olszewski** - November 27, 2024 at 04:49 PM

HW

“ Sending our love and prayers to your family. Virginia will be missed - we will miss her sweet, spunky spirit. Love you guys!

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**Holli Wolfe** - November 27, 2024 at 11:40 AM

KC

“ The world is a little dimmer without her. She was a great teacher. My kids entered her class with my faith and came out with there own. You are loved by many and will live in our hearts forever. Thank you for all your love.

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**Kathy Coglianesse** - November 26, 2024 at 06:56 PM

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“ Our condolences, love, hugs, and prayers!!!!  
40 years of friendship, camaraderie, laughs,  
dinners, inspiration, years as colleagues, and  
so very much more. Heaven Rejoices in  
Virginia's Birth-into-PARADISE-DAY. You  
have earned your eternal reward with our Savior, Jesus Christ! Love  
Rich and Therese



Therese - November 26, 2024 at 10:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia Helen Wayer.

November 25, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Butterfly Whispers - Heaven was purchased for  
the family of Virginia Helen Wayer.



November 25, 2024 at 10:01 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of  
Virginia Helen Wayer



Christopher Wilcox - November 25, 2024 at 09:48 PM