



## Margaret Lois Rapp

February 15, 1948 - September 25, 2022

MARGARET L. RAPP  
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

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Margaret “Maggie” Lois (Axton) Rapp, 74, went to her heavenly home on September 25, 2022 with faith in Jesus Christ and the promise of the Resurrection.

Maggie was born February 15, 1948 at home in New Harmony, Indiana. She was the middle child of five born to Eugene and Barbara Ann (Hoehn) Axton.

She graduated with the New Harmony class of 1966. On December 23, 1967 she married her husband, Ernest “Ernie” William Rapp at Holy Angels Church in New Harmony.

Together, they taught school in New Harmony and had the first of three children. They moved to Poseyville, Indiana in 1974 where their other two children were born.

Maggie taught mathematics for 20 years, first at New Harmony High School and then at the MSD of North Posey. She was a lifelong artist and after retiring from teaching, she and Ernie moved back to New Harmony where Maggie was the Director of the Hoosier Salon Art Gallery for twelve years while pursuing her own second career as an artist.

In their earlier years, Maggie and Ernie loved dancing and were often seen swinging on the dance floor. They also loved traveling the country in their motorhome and took their children on vacations that took them to the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and from Canada to Florida. They enjoyed many years with family at their vacation home on Lake Wawasee in Syracuse, Indiana. After retiring in 2004, they began spending winters in Fort Myers, Florida until 2021.

Maggie was a member of many arts organizations, including Hoosier Salon, Brown County Art Gallery, American Impressionist Society, American Watercolor Society and the Watercolor Society of Indiana (where she was a signature member), and Fort Myers Beach Art Association.

In 2011, she received the prestigious “Arts Advocate” Award from the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana for her promotion of art and local artists in the area.

She was one of the founding member of the Red Lantern Art Gallery which was housed until recently at the Red Wagon in Poseyville, Indiana.

Maggie designed and painted a display case in the Workingmen's Institute in the museum on the second floor to feature several historic geologic ages in the southwestern Indiana region.

She took her commitment to church and community as a duty following in the footsteps of her parents. Among her responsibilities was being President of the American Legion Auxiliary 278 in Poseyville for five years, active member of Tercera, a women's philanthropic group, President of the Tri Kappa Associate Chapter and a charter member of the Garden Club, both of New Harmony. She also actively served as a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church when she lived in Poseyville, Holy Angels Catholic Church while living in New Harmony until it closed, and then continuing to participate in choir, Eucharistic Ministry and as a Lector at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Barbara (Clarence) Naas.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, her sons, Kyle (Sherri) Rapp and Ryan Rapp, and daughter, Stacey (Mike) Rapp Little; grandchildren, Noah, Thomas, Jackson "JT", Ella and Andrew "Drew" Rapp, Axton and Adelyn Gamblin; Lisa, Tyler, Samantha, and Blake Little; great-grandchildren, Cannon and Ky'Ren Vaughn; sisters, Dorothy (Jerry) Jordan, Susan (Robert) Schmitt, and brother, Michael (Terri) Axton; brother-in-law George Rapp, sister-in-law, Helen Nefkens; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will begin with the praying of the rosary at 3 p.m. and will continue until 7 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022 at the Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony and 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Mt. Vernon.

The Funeral Mass will be officiated by Rev. James Sauer on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 10 a.m. at St Matthew Catholic Church, followed by a private interment of ashes in Maple Hill Cemetery in New Harmony.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Matthew Catholic Church, 421 Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon, IN 47620 or Hoosier Salon New Harmony Gallery, PO Box 338, New Harmony, IN 47631.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

5890 Maple Hill Road  
New Harmony, IN 47631

# Previous Events

## Rosary Service

OCT 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)  
615 S Brewery  
New Harmony, IN 47631  
(812) 682-4261  
werryfuneralhome@gmail.com

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OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
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## Service

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Werry Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Lois Rapp



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - September 29, 2022 at 02:16 PM

CH

*Beautiful Lady. Wish I had known her.*

Cecile Donnelly Hersh - October 01, 2022 at 03:05 AM

JB

*So thankful for all the wonderful memories we have shared. She was a beautiful person inside and out. So very talented and will be sorely missed. Much love! Joyce & Skip*

Joyce Baine - October 02, 2022 at 09:51 PM

HT

*I have the great feeling of knowing Maggie, from camping, Tercer. Sent her many cards and phone calls . She called me on Nov 6 2022 to see if Jim I could come visit her and Ernie we said YES! That day we said GOODBY to our friend MAGGIE. Hazel & Jim Tepool*

Hazel Tepool - October 07, 2022 at 09:22 PM

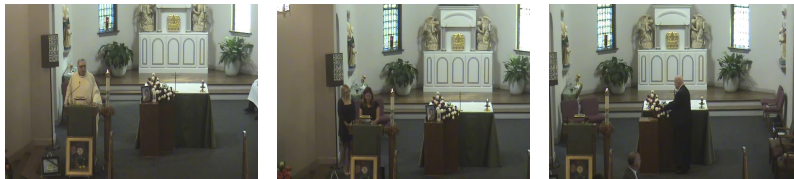


“ Margaret Lois Rapp

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



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Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - October 08, 2022 at 04:18 PM

MJ

“ My name is Mark Jordan. I had the privilege of being Uncle Ernie & Aunt Margaret's ring bearer at their wedding. I won't forget you Aunt Maragaret. You will be missed.

Mark Jordan - October 06, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Margaret Lois Rapp.



October 02, 2022 at 06:17 PM

JK

“ Jim, Julie, Tyler and Millie Kirchberg purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of Margaret Lois Rapp.



Jim, Julie, Tyler and Millie Kirchberg - October 01, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Margaret Lois Rapp.



September 30, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Margaret Lois Rapp.



September 29, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Margaret Lois Rapp.



September 29, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ Thinking of your family and remembering you all in Prayer. We are so very sorry for your loss. Patrick & Carolyn Scheller & Family



carolyn scheller - September 29, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ 86 files added to the album LifeTributes



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - September 29, 2022 at 02:05 PM