



Jackie Marie Manthei

September 25, 1937 - December 31, 2025

Jackie Marie Manthei, 88, of New Castle, passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning, December 31, 2025, at Addison Place in New Castle.

She was born on September 25, 1937, in Joliet, Illinois, a daughter of the late Melvin and Phyllis (Yuneman) Lener. Jackie was raised in the Joliet area and was a 1955 graduate of Joliet Township High School.

On October 6, 1956, Jackie married the love of her life, David Henry Manthei. Together they shared 67 years of devoted marriage, building a life centered on family, faith, and hard work. Before marriage, Jackie worked at A&P Grocery, and later devoted herself to her family as a homemaker. She also worked alongside others at Pease Rolling Shutters during its early beginnings.

Jackie was a longtime and faithful member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Castle, where she served as Altar Chairwoman. She was proud of her independence and known for her ornery streak, which was always balanced by kindness, gratitude, and a deep appreciation for life. A loyal Chicago Cubs fan, she also enjoyed working crossword puzzles in her quieter moments. Above all else, Jackie considered her children to be her greatest accomplishment and joy.

Those left to cherish her memory include her two children, Rick (Darlene)

Manthei and Linda Cecil, both of New Castle; her grandchildren, Windi Bray, John Paul Stotler, Amanda Campbell, and Michael (Casey) Cecil; her great-grandchildren, Xander, Grant, Emma, Dallas, Weston, John Luke, and Peyton; and her sister, Sherry Pennington.

In addition to her parents, Jackie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David Henry Manthei, in March of 2024; a brother, John Lener; and a brother-in-law, Roger Pennington.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, with Deacon Jody Winter officiating. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition. Friends may call at the church from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Jackie Marie Manthei.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
535 S. Main Street
New Castle, IN 47362

Funeral

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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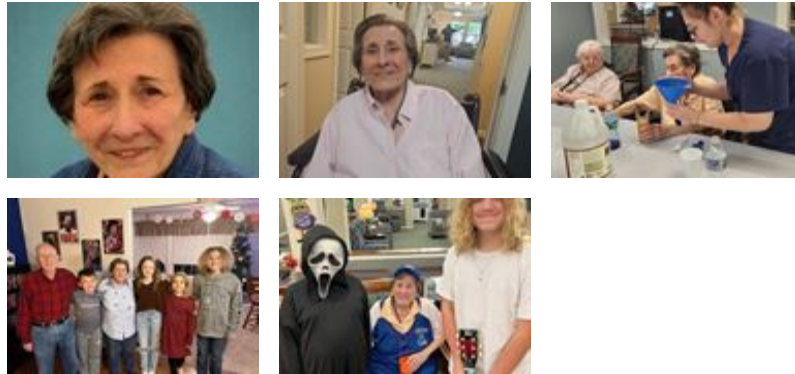
“ *The Lener Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jackie Marie Manthei.*



The Lener Family - January 05 at 06:01 PM



“ *63 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - January 05 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Jackie, was definitely a joy, loved this woman's spunk. She knew what she wanted and exactly when she wanted it. Im sure she is rejoicing with her husband now. Greatly loved by many and will be dearly missed! Fly high sweet soul!!*

Crista Lum - January 04 at 05:10 PM

JJ

“ Jerry and Jodie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jackie Marie Manthei.



Jerry and Jodie - January 03 at 07:10 PM

CS

“ Aunt Jackie, my Godmother, has always been special to me. I am going to miss her greatly! She is with Uncle Dave and her family, I'm sure she is happy and dancing around. We would always go for Chinese when she was in town at her favorite place. I always enjoyed her visits.



Cyndi Schiever - January 03 at 11:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jackie Marie Manthei.



January 02 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ Lisa Miller lit a candle in memory of Jackie Manthei



Lisa Miller - January 01 at 07:37 PM