



Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart

February 9, 1953 - May 31, 2026

Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart, 73, of New Castle, left this world to be with her Jesus early Sunday morning, May 31, 2026, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Born on February 9, 1953, in New Castle, Indiana, Jeanette was the daughter of the late Beatrice Joyce (Sandlin) Riggs and William Guy Showalter Sr.

A 1971 graduate of Walter P. Chrysler High School, Jeanette went on to earn her associate's degree in nursing from Earlham College in Richmond. Caring for others came naturally to her, and she devoted many years to serving as an Intensive Care Nurse in Clearwater, Florida, before later retiring from Henry County Hospital.

Jeanette married Frank "Al" Stewart in September 2002. She was very thankful for her husband, who served the Lord by her side. They were both members of Cross Road Church, where she was a member of the "Women of Worth" and served as president and secretary. She was also a vital member of the Funeral Dinner Committee. Additionally, she taught Sunday school and Wednesday night youth class. Jeannette was a strong woman of faith and shared her faith with others, always giving encouraging words in every situation.

Jeanette found joy in life's simple blessings. She loved tending to her garden, preserving her yields, going to flea markets, creating crafts, working in her yard, doing household projects, and traveling with her beloved husband, Frank. More than anything, she cherished time spent with her family and friends. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; going on day trips with her sister, and best friend, Cindy; and being a blessing to her many friends and family anytime there was a need.

Those who knew her will remember her gentle spirit, generous heart, and unwavering kindness. She was thoughtful in the way she cared for others, quick with a smile, and blessed with a wonderful sense of humor that could brighten any room.

Jeanette leaves behind a family who will forever treasure her memory, including her sons, Jeremy (Jennifer) Showalter of New Castle, Larry (Rae Anne) Cowan of Brownsburg, Kevin Stewart (Nichole Campbell) of New Castle, and Jackie (Erin) Stewart of Zebulon, North Carolina; grandchildren, Kaelynn Cowan, Allister Lily Stewart, Remi Stewart, and Mikey Stewart, Kindsey Swim, Makaelin (Austin) Helms, Karlee (Adam) Rust; eight great-grandchildren, River J. Cowan, Ian and Felicity Howell, Declynn and Noah Helms, Adalee, Abram, and Koleson Rust; her sister, Cindy Sayre of New Castle; her brother, Joe Riggs of New Castle; and many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and her church family.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Frank Stewart, in 2014; parents, B. Joyce and Ronald Riggs; her sister, Dori Riggs; her brothers, William Guy Showalter and John Lee Showalter; her sister-in-law, Lisa Riggs; niece, Brandi Blackburn; and a great-grandson, Kavan Joseph Rust.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at

Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Douglas officiating. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

In celebration of Jeanette's bright and joyful spirit, her family encourages those attending to wear bright colors to the service.

The family invites you to share a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Jeanette Showalter Stewart.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Funeral

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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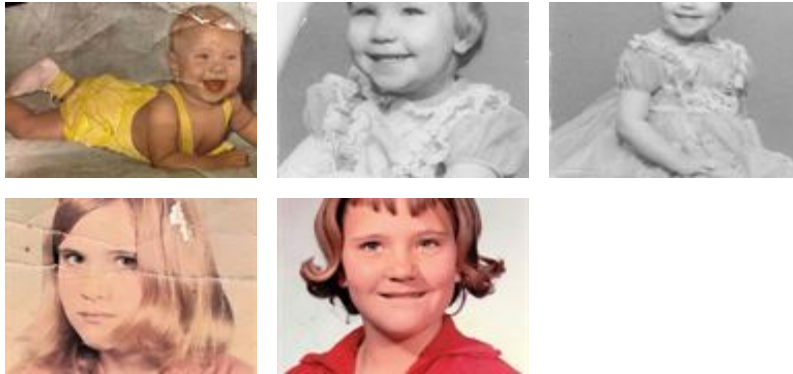
“ Donnie and Debbie Showalter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart.



Donnie and Debbie Showalter - 3 hours ago



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - 5 hours ago

TF

“ The Riggs Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart.



The Riggs Family - 8 hours ago

PB

“ Pam Barber Brake lit a candle in memory of Jeannette Stewart



Pam Barber Brake - Yesterday at 09:44 PM

R.

“ Russella . purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart.



Russella . - Yesterday at 02:50 PM

HW

“ Hank, Lynn, Carlie, Rileigh & Wyatt purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart.



Hank, Lynn, Carlie, Rileigh & Wyatt - Yesterday at 02:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart.



Yesterday at 12:54 PM

VB

“ Jeanette was a true fellow servant and treasured friend, monthly partner of mine for many years. Her and Frankie were introduced to me by her dear friend Patty. They traveled far and wide to be with us in services. After Frankie passed Sister Jeanette continued supporting this ministry with love , prayers, financial support. She always kept me in tack over my high heals. Her faith was strong, she was bold for Christ. I will miss her text of encouragement and guidance. She ran well. She finished her course. Now she is with her Frankie and her Jesus. A life we'll lived for Christ. I pray her family all follow in her foot steps. A Warrior indeed. Love and my deepest condolences to all her family. Sister Vonda Bishop. Love you Sister Jeanette.

Vonda Bishop - Yesterday at 03:32 AM

JM

“ Janell, Savannah, & Metin purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart.



Janell, Savannah, & Metin - June 01 at 10:34 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeanette Kay (Showalter) Stewart.



June 01 at 09:43 PM

ST

“ I will miss my chats with my friend Jeanette. They were infrequent, but always loving and sincere. Rest Easy dear lady ♥



Stacey Torres - June 01 at 08:32 PM

TS

“ I loved Jeannette dearly, she was the kind of friend that is irreplaceable. We shared laughter, tears, hopes, failures, miracles and lots of prayers. Her joy, generosity, kindness and love in the midst of her suffering will always be an inspiration to me. I'm sure Jesus welcomed her home with open arms as the beloved “Child of the King” that she was. Rest my beautiful friend, your work is done. Forever your “pot”, Teresa

Teresa Southerland - June 01 at 08:29 PM

BM

“ Jeanette was one of my first friends and I considered her a lifelong friend. It didn't matter how long we hadn't seen each other, our connection and love was immediate when we ran across each other. I'm sad to lose her but know she is now resting in God's arms. To her family, I'm so sorry for the loss of Jeanette and will be praying for your comfort and peace. Fly high my friend, I love you. - Beverly Smith-Matthews

Beverly Matthews - June 01 at 07:35 PM