



## MaryEllen Pankratz

October 20, 1952 - January 23, 2015

MaryEllen Pankratz, 62, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away on Friday, January 23, 2015.

She was born October 20, 1952 in Indianapolis, the daughter of Art and Eunice (Kuhne) Leadingham.

MaryEllen graduated from Lawrence Central High School and received degrees from Taylor University and Indiana University in music education. She served as a music director for six local churches, and experienced joy working as a pianist, teacher, and church choir director. MaryEllen maintained a passion for art, music, cooking, and traveling throughout her life. Her bright smile and giving nature were infectious to all who met her.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Raye Pankratz; her step-children, Nathan and Annemarie, and three step-grandchildren.

A memorial service to honor MaryEllen's life will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Noblesville IN. 16377 Herriman Boulevard, Noblesville, IN.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of MaryEllen Pankratz.



# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church  
16377 Herriman Boulevard  
Noblesville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen was my best piano teacher, when I was a young teenager, during middle school. Rest in the Lord's Peace, Mrs. Pankratz. ;-(*

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**Daniel Al-Hunneiti** - March 03, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of MaryEllen Pankratz.*



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February 06, 2015 at 03:20 PM



“ *A few years ago, I attended one of the shows at Beef n Boards with the the First Christain Church. I had the privilege to sit beside Mary Ellen. I had just upgraded my cell phone to a smart phone. Mary Ellen offered suggestions on all kinds of fun apps and games. I had the best time that evening. She was a fellow church member when I met her, and a friend when we left. She was so easy to talk with. Her smile was contagious and her laughter was genuine. Mary Ellen was a joyful person. I am sorry she has left us. God must have needed a special angel when he took her. My sympathies to her family and her close friends. She will be missed.  
Sincerely, Tracy Huffman Lockhart*

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**Tracy Huffman Lockhart** - February 02, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ *Mary Ellen taught piano to both of my girls. They have good memories of her . Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
The Strebing Family*

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**Jamie Strebing** - January 31, 2015 at 06:04 PM