



Rebecca J. Mathes

April 6, 1951 - November 8, 2010

Rebecca J. Mathes, 59, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, November 8, 2010 at Henry County Hospital.

She was born April 6, 1951 in New Castle, a daughter of Robert V. and Nancy (McCoy) Mathes.

Rebecca worked for over 25 years at Draper in Spiceland. She had the distinction of being the last graduate of Spiceland High School in 1969. She earned her bachelor's degree in English at Earlham College. She was an ordained minister with KingsWay Fellowship in Pensacola, Florida and served as Pastor of their affiliate in Middletown. Rebecca lived her faith and was always available to provide encouragement and comfort. She continually sought to increase her faith through reading and drawing closer to God. She enjoyed working around her home, spending time with her family and the Northern Michigan waters, beaches and lighthouses where she would often vacation.

In addition to her parents of Spiceland, she is survived by a sister, Beth A. Mathes of Elkhart; a brother, Robert M. (wife: Jeanine) Mathes of New Castle; a nephew, Chris Mathes of New Castle; a special friend, Denise Walsh of Elkhart and many friends, loved ones and a very dear congregation.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Geneva McCoy and Lawrence V. and Bertha M. Mathes.

The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 12, 2010 at the Spiceland Gym on West Broad Street with Pastors Rick Curry and Gary Cook

officiating. Burial will follow in Circle Grove Cemetery in Spiceland. Friends may call from 11 – 1 p.m. on Friday at the Spiceland Gym. Arrangements are in the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to KingsWay Fellowship with envelopes available at the service. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com. Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rebecca Mathes.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ I was so shocked to read in the Muncie paper of Rebecca's death. My heartfelt sympathies go out to her special family and many friends.

I was Rebecca's English teacher and librarian for three of her four high school years. She was a good girl with a positive outlook on life who was always ready with a warm smile that could appear almost impish at times. She was a delightful and bright student!

I last saw Rebecca at her parents' 60th wedding anniversary celebration this summer. I will always remember her kindness and warm, welcoming smile. My heart aches for the loss of a special person in the lives of so many. There is an inspirational saying that reads, "Will it matter that I was?" By deed and word, it mattered so much that Rebecca was.

Melanie Razor - November 11, 2010 at 09:51 AM

DL

“ Sharing in celebrating a life such as Rebecca's. She will always be an inspiration to all who have been blessed by knowing her. I pray that you will continue to find comfort in our Lord. Love to your precious family, Nancy, Robert, Jeanine & Bob, Beth, Denise, & Chris.

With much affection, Diana Lutterman

Diana Lutterman - November 10, 2010 at 07:12 PM

BP

“ I had the distinct pleasure to work for Rebecca representing Draper sales. Sad news, indeed. We will miss her, and her friendship and character will always be remembered fondly by us. Please accept my personal condolences to family and all of her many friends. Rebecca, I wish you great peace and eternal happiness!

Bob Prall - November 10, 2010 at 06:14 PM

BS

“ Rebecca was an amazing person. I have so many fond memories of working with her at Draper. She was always there to make you smile.

Please know that the entire Mathes family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God be with you all!

Brooke Stover - November 10, 2010 at 06:00 PM

RM

“ What a true Warrior!! did not know Rebecca for very long but still I felt I had known her forever what an Honor to know her such an amazing woman. She will be missed but I rejoice in knowing she is continuing her work right along the side of the one she loved most. Thank you Lord for letting us have your daughter for a time. She has changed the lives of many people and showed the love of God like no one else!!!!

Rebecca Mullinix - November 10, 2010 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. What a blessing to have known Rebecca. We will all be together again someday!!! May the peace of God surround you during this time. We love you.

John & Lynn Morris - November 09, 2010 at 07:55 PM

JE

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the Mathes family in learning of Rebecca's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless each of you.

Jan Estelle - November 09, 2010 at 07:40 PM

MS

“ We are so saddened to hear of Rebecca passing. There are no words, only wonderful memories. We are encouraged by the fact that she is rejoicing in heaven!

Mark and Marie Stoughton - November 09, 2010 at 07:28 PM

HS

“ Rebecca was an amazing woman, truly one of a kind. She was able to move and inspire more people than she will ever know. Rebecca's upbeat attitude and enduring faith will be missed by all who were blessed to have known her. May peace be with the family.

Heather Sipes - November 09, 2010 at 07:27 PM

JM

“ Becky was a true prayer warrior. She always took the time to let others know that she was concerned and cared for them. Becky was a very loving and cheerful person.

Joyce Myers - November 09, 2010 at 07:26 PM

BH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I met Rebecca 10+ years ago when I started with Draper; she was my mentor not only to teach me about the Draper ways, but also about the Lord. Her faith and encouragement is something that will always remain with me, and for that I'm truly grateful to the Lord for bringing her into my life!
Brad and Cindy Howard

Brad and Cindy Howard - November 09, 2010 at 06:56 PM

RZ

“ We're so very sorry to learn of your loss. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Since we can't be with you on Friday, due to office scheduling, please know that we are praying for God's comfort to descend upon the entire family.

Ron & Debi Zimmerman - November 09, 2010 at 01:01 PM

RR

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all the Mathes family. I became friends with Rebecca shortly after we met and enjoyed talking about the Lord with her on several occasions. Her strength and faith during these last few years is something that many will never forget. Rebecca was an encouragement to me and a help and I will miss her.
My Prayers go out to the entire family...Our loss is heavens gain!
Ross Rhoades

Ross Rhoades - November 09, 2010 at 11:11 AM

RF

“ Rebecca, I never met you in person; never even spoke to you. But I "knew" you thru a mutual friend, Tammy McNeil. And thru Tammy, you and I prayed for each other and were encouraged by one another. It is amazing when someone you don't even know prays for you and helps you to be strong in the Lord. Thank you for that. I look forward to meeting you in Heaven some day. -Rhonda

Rhonda Feightner - November 09, 2010 at 08:44 AM

MS

“ Today I celebrate with you Rebecca's life and her journey to Heaven. Another angel sits at the throne of God. Rebecca popped in & out of my life when I needed her words and hugs and encouragement. I will miss her smile. May God wrap His loving arms around all of you & may you rest in the peace that only His presence can bring. God bless, Marcia Slaven

Marcia Slaven - November 09, 2010 at 08:34 AM

BD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rebecca's passing. She was a wonderful classmate at Spiceland High. My thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends at this time. May God bless each of you during this time.

Becky Davis-Harris - November 09, 2010 at 08:06 AM

RR

“ The community loved you and you loved the community. RIP dear friend until we meet again.
Randy & Bee Bee Reece

Randy Reece - November 09, 2010 at 12:13 AM

RF

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Rebecca when I worked at Draper. We shared a cubicle wall and had lots of conversations over the top of it. I have good memories of Rebecca getting caught up in telling a funny story and laughing until she couldn't tell the story anymore. Rest in peace, Rebecca. Heaven got a little sweeter today.

Ronda Fox - November 08, 2010 at 11:06 PM

RF

“ *Rebecca J. Mathes*

Ronda Fox - November 08, 2010 at 11:01 PM

AH

“ *Rebecca lived her life as a true testament to God - She had a true gift and talent of being a witness in all that she did. She will be missed by all that knew her. Please take comfort in the knowledge that no one will ever fully realize just how many lives she was able to touch - She's amazing! I am bless to have known her.*

Amy

Amy Howard - November 08, 2010 at 03:08 PM

SW

“ *Today is a sad day at Draper. Rebecca, you will be missed. Thank you for sharing your faith and being such a great friend to me. I will always remember your upbeat attitude and positive thinking. God Bless your family!*

Sandra Whitehead - November 08, 2010 at 11:48 AM