



## Stacey Lynn Crane

July 27, 1964 - May 4, 2023

Stacey Lynn Crane, 58, of New Castle, passed away early Thursday morning, May 4, 2023, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, with family by her side, following a 3 ½ year battle with Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

Stacey was born July 27, 1964, in New Castle to her parents, the late Wayne K. Kollmeyer; and Julie Bundy.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of nearly 37 years, Kit C. Dean Crane of New Castle, whom she married June 14, 1986; her and Kit's daughters, Cara Ann Crane of Washington, D.C., Emily Brooke Crane, of Nashville, Tennessee; and Grandpup, Joey, also of Nashville, Tennessee, survive. Stacey is also survived by her parents, Byron Gene and Julie Ann Bundy of New Castle, Indiana; as well as a brother, Kurt (Dana) Kollmeyer, of Palatine, Illinois; and sisters-in-law, Linda Jo Buggle (Bob) of Bradenton, Florida, and Cynthia Jean Willyard of New Castle, Indiana; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her father, Wayne, she was preceded in death by a brother, Kristopher W. Kollmeyer (2020), two brothers-in-law, Anthony Dale "Tony" Crane (2006) and Richard C. Willyard (2020), and her father and mother-in-law, Clifford Joe and Violet M. Crane

A 1982 graduate of New Castle Chrysler, Stacey earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1986 and her Master of Arts in Education degree in 2002: both from Ball State University. Stacey's 32-year teaching career in New Castle Community School Corporation commenced in 1986 and concluded in 2019 upon her retirement. Her first-year teaching was in the Third Grade at Eastwood Elementary School and her remaining 31 years in First Grade at Parker Elementary School. During her career, she mentored several teachers and hosted many Ball State University student teachers. Stacey had a positive impact on thousands of children and their families.

Stacey was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church and served on the Finance Committee and the Administrative Counsel. For several years, she was Chair of the Administrative Council. Stacey also held positions in the Church District and Conference. She also enjoyed sharing her voice by singing in the Praise Team during church services.

Stacey enjoyed watching many sports. She enjoyed attending Indianapolis Colts games where she was a season ticket holder. She also attended Cincinnati Reds baseball games and regularly followed the team's television broadcasts.

She enjoyed spending time with Kit, Cara, Emily and Joey. She enjoyed traveling; particularly to any location with plenty of sun, water, and beaches. Sanibel Island, Florida was a perennial favorite.

Visitation will be from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, Monday, May 8, 2023 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. Memorial services will be at First United Methodist Church, Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 11:00AM with calling one (1) hour before commencing at 10:00AM with Reverend Michelle White officiating. Cremation and private interment will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Stacey to the: Kit and Stacey Crane Scholarship Fund, c/o Henry County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 6006, New Castle, IN 47362 or you may donate online by Clicking Here ([https://henryccf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1331](https://henryccf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1331)).

Stacey and her family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and support staff who have treated her. Stacey and her family are particularly grateful for Jonathan L. Berkowitz, MD, PhD, with IU Health Ball Memorial Cancer Center and Forest Ridge Medical Pavilion.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Stacey Lynn Crane.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1324 Church Street  
New Castle, IN

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1324 Church Street  
New Castle, IN

# Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Beautiful soul. Wonderful teacher. I'll miss her smile. Tina West*

**Tina West** - June 08, 2023 at 08:28 AM

NM

“ *Nathan Melissa Millikan lit a candle in memory of Stacey Crane*



**Nathan & Melissa Millikan** - May 09, 2023 at 08:33 PM

LR

“ *Lora Rains lit a candle in memory of Stacey Crane*



**Lora Rains** - May 09, 2023 at 07:34 AM

MM

“ *Kit, I am thinking of you and your family during this time. Matt*



**Matthew Morris** - May 08, 2023 at 07:15 AM



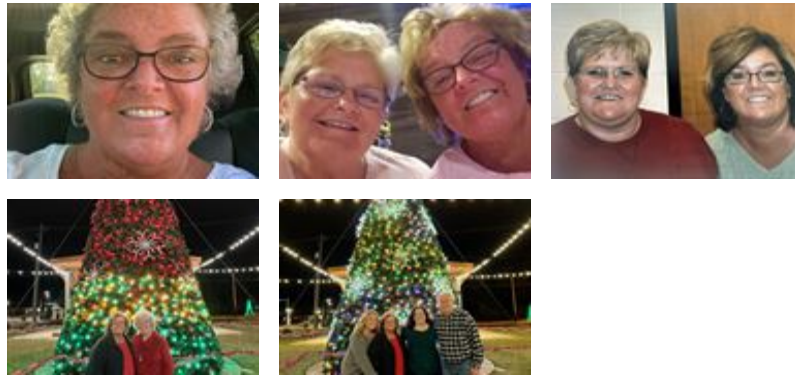
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stacey Lynn Crane.*



May 07, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *151 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - May 07, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *What a wonderful woman and a wonderful family. Deepest condolences to Kit and the entire family and prayers for the Peace of Jesus during this time. Sean & Sara Harshey*

**Sean Harshey** - May 07, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Crane was also so sweet she was my brothers first grade teacher, she always made time to speak to me every morning. You will be missed!*

**Jhauntain Owens** - May 06, 2023 at 10:35 PM

DG

“ Mrs. Crane was a very good teacher. And she helped Alot of students at Parker Elementary. Deborah Gona, new castle school corporation and Icap foster grandparents program.

Deborah Gona - May 06, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stacey Lynn Crane.



May 06, 2023 at 06:01 PM

AS

“ I am sorry for your loss Mr Crane and family. Would wave if I saw her outside, sending prayers. Your neighbor, Kim and Annette Simmons

Annette Simmons - May 06, 2023 at 04:27 PM

MG

“ Melinda Grounds lit a candle in memory of Stacey Crane



Melinda Grounds - May 05, 2023 at 09:17 PM

RD

“ Love , Thoughts and Prayers to you all .. Stacy was a wonderful woman . 2Timothy 4:7-8 . May Gods loving Arms always be wrapped around you forever. Ricky , Angie , Jordie (Davis) Catron .  
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**Ricky Davis** - May 05, 2023 at 08:13 PM

DC

“ Stacey would ALWAYS understand & support me when I would need to talk with Kit no matter the time of day or night. Gregarious lady that will always be remembered. Bless this family.  
Dave Cantrell

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**Dave Cantrell** - May 05, 2023 at 07:22 PM

PR

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. She touched so many with her humor and her love. She was so much fun and full of life when I visited church with Tom and Linda.

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**Peggy McGilliard Ross** - May 05, 2023 at 07:06 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of yhe loss if your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family  
.Larry,Janet Mikel...Crescent Creek

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**Janet mikel** - May 05, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stacey Lynn Crane.*



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May 05, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stacey Lynn Crane.*



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May 05, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Stacey was an extraordinary person. I attended high school with her and she was always a joy to be around. The thing I will remember most about her is how she encouraged and helped my daughter, Tiffany Scott emotionally when Tiffany found out she had breast cancer in the Spring of 2022. Tiffany, as well as all our family and friends were devastated at the news. Even though Stacey had her own battle with breast cancer at the time, she still took the time to be there for Tiffany. I will never forget that. Here on Earth she was an angel without wings, but in Heaven she is now an angel with wings. My prayer and condolences go out to her family and friends at this difficult time.*

*God Bless You All,  
Frances Bowsman*

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**Frances Bowsman** - May 05, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stacey Lynn Crane.*



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May 05, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Stacey was a super person ! Mary will never forget the "quiet coyote" sign that Stacey taught her.*

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**Joe Wyatt** - May 05, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Darlene chesher lit a candle in memory of Stacey Crane*



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**Darlene chesher** - May 05, 2023 at 06:30 AM



“ *She was a blessing. She was my daughter's 1 st grade teacher at parker school. I was a teacher's aide for Mrs Johnson in first grade. I got to know her well and loved her. She was a great and wonderful teacher. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Darlene chesher** - May 05, 2023 at 04:45 AM

ZO

“ i’m so sorry for your guys loss. she was an amazing teacher and woman!💕

Zoey - May 05, 2023 at 04:38 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Stacey courageously fought her cancer. She was a great teacher. I am so glad I had the privilege of working with her in first grade. A dear friend. She will be greatly missed . My heart and prayers go out to Kit, Cara and Emily. Love and hugs. 🙏❤️❤️



Anita Stout - May 04, 2023 at 11:13 PM

DY

Stacy made band, work, school and friendship funny and entertaining.  
Her courage with her battle with cancer was amazing and I believe she was teaching all of us until the end.  
My favorite memory of her is hugging children when I would finish tutoring them and drop them off at her class.  
Go reap your reward Stacey. Well deserved.

Diane York - May 05, 2023 at 02:49 PM

KP

“ I will always remember her smile and her laugh back in high school.  
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Kimberly Bennett Price - May 04, 2023 at 11:00 PM

MB

“ *Mandy Boyd lit a candle in memory of Stacey Crane*



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**Mandy Boyd** - May 04, 2023 at 10:35 PM

JT

“ *It was always great when Stacey and her wonderful family visited Illinois. We'll always treasure those times. Condolences.*

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**Jim Thompson** - May 04, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stacey Lynn Crane.*



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May 04, 2023 at 10:00 PM



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May 04, 2023 at 09:23 PM

AW

“ *She was my 1st grade teacher wow words can express my condolences to her family she will be missed*

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**Angel Willoughby** - May 04, 2023 at 11:38 AM

RH

“ *Our hearts hurt today to hear of the passing of a dear friend, Stacey Crane. Today she's walking on streets of gold. We'll miss your sweet smile and your laugh.*

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**Ramona Hacker** - May 04, 2023 at 08:34 AM

CP

“ *Kit and family I am SO sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. Sincerely, Carol Perdue*

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**Carol A. Perdue** - May 04, 2023 at 06:38 AM