



Sherry Lynn Jorczak

August 10, 1953 - January 1, 2023

Sherry Lynn Jorczak (née Hochstedler), born August 10, 1953, in Knox, Indiana, passed away on January 1, 2023, at 69 years of age. Sherry grew up in Denham, and lived just outside of Toto in North Judson, since 1974. She lived and died a life-long North Judson Blue Jay. Sherry passed into eternal life peacefully in the loving arms of her family and extremely gracious colleagues, at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac, Indiana, where she worked for the last ten years.

Sherry is the daughter of John Albert Hochstedler and Leatrice Hochstedler (née Minix), of Denham, Indiana. Sherry graduated from North Judson High School in 1971. She started her career as a factory worker and eventually worked her way into office administration for a number of years, including at North Judson-San Pierre Junior High School. In the mid-90's Sherry landed her dream job as Human Resources Director at Our Lady of Holy Cross Long-Term Care Facility in San Pierre, Indiana. She worked for many years in the Trinity Health Network as Human Resources Director—ultimately at St. Paul's Retirement Community in South Bend—before finishing her career as Human Resources Director at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac. Sherry was a servant leader, and modeled servant leadership in everything that she did and in everyone she encountered. She was an avowed believer in, and implemented, Just Culture principles everywhere she went. When you talked with Sherry, she was always present and you knew that you were the most important person to her at that moment. She also devoted her time and talents

to various charitable and educational causes, having a special devotion to the Junior Achievement program, whose mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed. Sherry wanted everyone to be their best and to succeed. Despite these professional accomplishments, Sherry is most proud of her boys. She always said that she prayed for daughters and God blessed her with sons. If you knew Sherry, you knew about her boys and how proud she was of them and all their accomplishments. She pushed them, as she pushed everyone, to be the best and to never give up. She loved watching them play sports through high school and loved the Blue Jays. She was the official scorekeeper for the boys' and girls' basketball teams for many years and loved doing it and loved being a part of the action. She always had a word of encouragement for the players as they checked into the game and cheered them on and wished for their success just as if they were one of her own children. She was a radiant, shining, light—a beacon of goodwill and charity to everyone she encountered.

She was also a tremendous cook and loved to host and feed everyone that came over to her house. Her *kołaczki* were stuff of legend; lasagna the envy of any Florentine; omelets that rivaled any French café; and her St. Patrick's Day parties, where corned-beef and cabbage was on the menu, attracted family and friends from many miles around. If you attended one of her parties you felt the spirit, heart, and warmth that exuded from her soul.

Sherry married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Thomas Alan Jorczak, on August 30, 1974, and they were married for more than 48 years. They have been parishioners of Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in North Judson since their marriage in 1974.

Sherry is preceded in death by her father, John Hochstedler, and is survived by her husband Thomas of North Judson, her three sons, Thomas Eric Jorczak (Adrienne Ray) of Valparaiso, Indiana, Timothy Alan Jorczak (Jamie Henselmeier) of Normal, Illinois, and Robert Aaron Louis Jorczak (Christin Cunningham) of Noblesville, Indiana, and twelve grandchildren, Sabrina, Mitchell, Benjamin, Samantha, Donovan, Abigail, Rebecca, Carter, Oliver,

Emily, Elliot, and Cecilia. She is also survived by her mother, Leatrice Hochstedler, aunts Loretta Craft and Edna Mae Richie, five siblings, Francine Shepherd, Russell Hochstedler, Rhonda McGowen-Adams, Robert Hochstedler, and Ronald Hochstedler, and scores of nieces, nephews, cousins and second cousins, and in-laws. Sherry is dearly loved and will be dearly missed.

The viewing will be at O'Donnell Funeral Home at 302 Lane St, North Judson, IN 46366, Friday January 6, 2023 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. C.S.T.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 a.m. C.S.T. Saturday January 7, 2023 at Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, 303 Keller Avenue, North Judson, IN 46366.

The Rite of Committal will take place immediately following the Mass, at St. Jacob's Catholic Cemetery.

A reception and luncheon will follow the Rite of Committal and will take place at North Judson-San Pierre High School, #1 Blue Jay Drive, North Judson, IN 46366. All mourners are welcome and encouraged to attend the luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana at the weblink below. You can dedicate your gift to Sherry Jorczak, and under the "Choose Area to Support" button, Sherry would appreciate any gifts be directed to either Starke or Pulaski Counties.

<https://northernindiana.ja.org/donate/index>

Cemetery Details

Saint Jacob Cemetery

500 West
North Judson, IN 46366

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church
Keller Avenue
North Judson, IN 46366

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest condolence. John Murphy*

John Murphy - January 10, 2023 at 10:15 PM

FV

“ *A very special Lady with a forever smile. May you keep smiling on All of us. Prayers and sympathy for her family.*

Frank & Jo vitallo - January 07, 2023 at 10:14 AM

KW

“ *Sherry was a such a special friend, always caring for others. She will be missed. Sherry sure was given the gift of love. We need more Sherry's. 💔*

Kathleen Back Workman - January 07, 2023 at 10:00 AM

RJ

“ *Condolences to the families.*

Rita Jablon - January 06, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.*



January 06, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.



January 06, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.



January 06, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.



January 05, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.



January 05, 2023 at 04:15 PM

TB

“ Jorczak family,

My well remembered privilege to serve Pulaski Memorial Hospital staffers/family members/patients with Sherry J. for the last decade as chaplain, security officer and E.R.T. Sherry was a "class act" worker for 300 plus employees. Her attention was on YOU when needed and her goals were for ALL employees- far reaching, with multiple benefits-many not even realized as yet. She was working on our behalf even when she was sick.

Know that our continuing prayers are with you who survive. We recall her testimonies of the goodness of our faithful Father in Heaven. The Bible tells us He will keep ALL promises. Reach out at any time to those whose lives were incredibly changed for good by this wonderful soul.

Dave and Tammy Broad

the BROADS - January 05, 2023 at 11:25 AM

KR

“ *I worked with Sherry at Our Lady. She was such a sweet & caring person. My condolences to her family* 💔

Kim Manley RN - January 05, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.*



January 04, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.*



January 04, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.*



January 04, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.*



January 04, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to Russell and all Sherry's family, from Teresa Burke, Pat Murphy and family, Cork, Ireland*

Teresa Burke Murphy - January 04, 2023 at 01:46 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. She always had a smile and never missed a chance to say hello. Her family was a big part of my life in N.Judson. God bless all of you.

Murry Hight - January 04, 2023 at 01:30 PM

RK

“ One of my favorite all time Bluejays. Thoughts and prayers.
Rusty & Kim Kerns

Rusty Kerns - January 04, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Sherry Lynn Jorczak.



January 04, 2023 at 11:46 AM

JD

“ I have not seen Sherry or Tom since High School but still think of them as friends and I send my condolences to my friend Tom and all of his and Sherry's family. Here is a story that is legend in my mind. Tom had an Oldsmobile 442. He was out with Sherry and while driving, the steering wheel accidentally pulled off the 442. Rather than panicking Tom handed the steering wheel to Sherry and said , “here you drive.” He then grabbed the steering column and somehow pulled over. God Bless!

John Dolezal - January 03, 2023 at 10:59 PM

CB

“ *Sherry was a jewel to the Pulaski Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Always supportive of the many fund raisers and our gift shop. We all loved her. As treasurer of the Auxiliary, I appreciated working with her, and the caring person she was.*

Charlotte Blinn - January 03, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorczak.*



January 03, 2023 at 05:49 PM

ED

“ *The world needs more Sherrys.*

Eurasula Dolezal - January 03, 2023 at 02:42 PM

SB

“ *Sending our condolences to you all, Susan (Burke) & Pdraig Trehy & family, Cork, Ireland*

Susan Burke-Trehy - January 03, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JO

“ *A special lady who lived a life of caring for others.*

John Origer - January 03, 2023 at 01:33 PM

TB

“ Sincere sympathy to Russell and all the Hochstedler family on the passing of Sherry, may she rest in peace.

Teresa and Mick Burke, Cork, Ireland

Teresa Burke - January 03, 2023 at 01:22 PM

SH

“ We are so sorry for the sad loss of Sherry. She was always so kind to us and she will be missed greatly. Sending love and best wishes from Ireland - Russ and Sarah Hochstedler and family

Sarah Hochstedler - January 03, 2023 at 01:17 PM

KB

“ You will be missed Sherry! Thankful to have gotten to know you for the short time I did. May you be pain free!

Kasey Born - January 03, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorzak.



January 03, 2023 at 09:46 AM

MH

“ Mike and Sharon Henselmeier purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Sherry Lynn Jorzak.



Mike and Sharon Henselmeier - January 03, 2023 at 09:36 AM