



## Doris Jean Kyhnell

March 27, 1937 - August 29, 2019

Doris Jean Kyhnell, of Anderson, IN passed away August 29, 2019. She was born on March 27, 1937 in Union City, Michigan. She married the love of her life, Jack Kyhnell on June 20, 1959 who survives.

Doris graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Nursing.

She began her career as a registered nurse for St. John's Hospital in Anderson and taught nursing students there. She was instrumental in the formation of Family Planning of Madison County and was the inaugural executor director before moving into the position of director of nursing in order to have direct contact with patients. Through continuing education, she went on to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Doris was a member of Central Christian Church, Pendleton Historical Society and Just Friends Dulcimer group. Music was a constant part of her life. She learned to play piano and organ at a young age and used that talent to play for several congregations including Markleville East Christian Church. In addition to her musical talent, she enjoyed all types of crafts including quilting, polymer clay, tole painting, cake decorating, cross stitching, sewing, cooking, gardening and reading. She often used her sewing and crafting skills to benefit those in need. She made scarves for Haiti through the church and knitted hats for newborn babies. For 30 years, she and her husband treated

their family to vacations which brought them great joy. For many years, she and Jack enjoyed spending several months each year in Kauai, Hawaii where they met many wonderful people.

Doris is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Jack Kyhnell; children, Anita (Sam) Aleshire, Linda (Jay) Higbee, Karl (Koreen) Kyhnell; grandchildren, Ashley (Greg Drake) Aleshire, Sarah Aleshire, Jayson (Joy) Higbee, Jacob Higbee, Kameron Kyhnell, Karson Kyhnell; great-grandchildren, Elsie Higbee, Lincoln Higbee, Oakley Drake; siblings, Phyliss Lewis, Kenneth (Teryl Hartman) Reed; sister-in-law, Janet Reed and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Florence Reed, brother, Keith Reed and brother-in-law, Frederick Lewis.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Choice for Women, 1817 North Madison Ave, Anderson, IN 46011; [info@firstchoiceforwomen.org](mailto:info@firstchoiceforwomen.org), or Alternative's Inc. of Madison County PO Box 1302, Anderson, IN, 46015, [alternativesdv.org](http://alternativesdv.org).

Online condolences may be made to [www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Kyhnell.*



September 06, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ *Doris was always a pleasure to talk to when she came to Dr Seal's. Prayers for her family.*

**Karla “Ebbert” Studebaker** - September 04, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ *On behalf of the St. Vincent Anderson Nursing Honor Guard, we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Doris Jean Kyhnell. We are sure her light will go on shining into the future by the lives she touched as a nurse.*

**Jan Bronnenberg RN** - September 03, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *My soul was deeply moved when I learned of Doris's passing. She has been such an encouragement in my life. Everyone she was associated with was elevated by her encouragement and her to desire to share all that she learned. I played dulcimer with Doris for over twenty years. Time has never stood still but I am sure heaven has a place for Doris and all the talents she was given. To Jack and all her children; I wish you the best and hope there will be joy ahead in the memories you have stored throughout the years. Fondly, I will remember her always. Love, Vickie Gundrum and Family.*

**Vickie Gundrum** - September 01, 2019 at 09:45 PM

DJ

“ Dear Jack,

*I just read of Doris's passing. I am so sorry to know that such a good person is no longer with us. She will be greatly missed. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Blake*

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**Delano Blake Janutolo** - September 01, 2019 at 08:24 AM

BK

*Jack and family*

*I heard this morning of Doris's passing and was simply shocked. I played dulcimer with her and she was absolutely wonderful....she offered me to buy one of her dulcimer's, helped me understand the music, and was always very caring about my progress. I have wonderful memories.*

*I also know that Karl was coached by Randy and that is another memory that we all hold together.*

*Doris was such a musician and a kind, kind soul. I am sure this will be a big transition for your family.*

*You have our prayers. I am so glad I got reconnected with her in this latter part of life.*

*Beckie Steele Kahl*

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**Beckie M Kahl** - September 01, 2019 at 04:35 PM

LD

*To Doris' family,*

*I met Doris through the Indiana Polymer Clay Guild and treasure the time we spent together. She was so supportive, encouraging and fun. I will miss her positive presence and will cherish even more the piece of polymer clay in my living room that she created. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

*Lisa Dellinger*

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**Lisa Dellinger** - September 02, 2019 at 01:41 AM

MW

*To Doris' Family*

*I met Doris through quilting, she was a terrific person and will be missed by me and other quilting ladies. My prayers are with you all.*

*Marie Wolf*

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**marie wolf** - September 02, 2019 at 09:04 AM