



Joan Brooks Kemp

April 12, 1939 - January 22, 2026

Joan Brooks Kemp, 86, a lifelong resident of Normalville, passed away peacefully Thursday, January 22, 2026, at her home. Joan, the daughter of the late Henry D. and Agnes Jean Sparks Brooks, was born April 12, 1939, in Normalville. She was a graduate of Connellsville High School with the class of 1957. Joan dedicated her life to her family and to her Savior. She was a devoted homemaker, providing a loving, nurturing home for her husband and children. Joan loved the Lord and spent her life serving Him. During her lifelong membership at the Normalville U.M. Church, some of her favorite ways of serving were as a Sunday School Teacher, children's director, and choir member. She cherished every moment spent with her family, especially camping, vacationing at the beach, or simply talking around a campfire. Joan demonstrated her love for her family and friends by baking, hosting tea parties, and making special gifts for them. She will be especially remembered for making every holiday special and for the many family traditions she began. She will be sadly missed by her children Shelly Day and husband Eddie of Lafayette, Indiana; Mark Kemp and wife Erin of Normalville; and Kelly Whetsel and husband Ken of Berryville, Virginia. She had eight grandchildren: Megan McWilliams and husband Cam, Rebekah Whisler and husband Trae, Blaine Day and wife Courtney, all of Lafayette, Indiana; Gabriel Kemp and wife Gracie of Uniontown, Logan and Teran Kemp of Normalville; and Laurel and Eva Whetsel of Berryville, Virginia. She had six great-grandchildren: Samantha, Charlie, Blakely, Colter, Kaia, and Cora. Joan was predeceased by

her husband of 66 years, Louis Kemp, whom she married on July 13, 1957, her parents, and her sister Dottie O'Donnell. Family and friends will be received Tuesday from 4-8 PM in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home Inc., at the corner of Route 711 and 146 Municipal Building Rd., Melcroft (724-455-2310), where a funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11:00 AM with Pastor Brian Swan officiating. A committal service and interment will follow in the Normalville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Samaritan's Purse, <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>, in memory of Joan Kemp. To leave a message or send condolences please visit our website at www.brooksfhmelcroft.com

Cemetery Details

Normalville Cemetery

Normalville, PA 15469

Previous Events

Receiving of Family and Friends

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.
146 Municipal Building Rd
Melcroft, PA 15462
(724) 455-2310
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

JAN 28 (ET)

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Normalville, PA 15469

The Committal Service will follow directly after the Funeral Service at the Cemetery

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Dear Shelly, Mark, and Kelly - Mom and I send our heartfelt condolences...There are so many fond memories of your wonderful Mom. We are sorry we could not make it out to pay our respects. Love and Prayers, Aunt Doris and Crystal.

Crystal - January 28 at 03:49 PM

MS

“ Joan made vacation Bible school so enjoyable for so many of us growing up in Normalville United Methodist Church. She was such a great person, teacher and director there. Along with many others such as my grandfather Paul, she put in countless hours preparing props and skits every summer so that they could teach others about God. Her and Louis always came up with the nicest crafts for everyone to make there. Wishing her family and friends comfort during this difficult time. We all know she loved and served the Lord and she is now HOME.

Melissa Shipley - January 28 at 05:38 AM

BB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I have known the family for years before moving to West Virginia. Very nice family. My Father (Dayton Meyers) was on the board with Louis at the Normalville Church.
Barbara Bly

Barbara Bly - January 26 at 09:28 AM

TB

We just want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Wish we could be there to offer our condolences. We know what a difficult time this is for you all. Hugs from Ohio. Mike Tammy and family.

Tammy Bigam - January 27 at 11:18 AM

GF

“ Geary Younkin Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joan Brooks Kemp.



Geary Younkin Family - January 25 at 04:33 PM

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“ Geary Younkin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Brooks Kemp.

Geary Younkin Family - January 25 at 04:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Brooks Kemp.



January 25 at 09:31 AM

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“ The Wilhelm Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Brooks Kemp.

The Wilhelm Family - January 25 at 09:31 AM