



## Heidelore Jutta "Heidi" Kessel

November 13, 1941 - July 28, 2017

Heidelore Jutta "Heidi" Kessel, age 75, of Marion, IL, passed away peacefully at 2:25 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017, in Heartland Regional Medical Center of Marion.

She was born in Brendlorenzen, Germany, on Thursday, November 13, 1941, the daughter of Wilhelm and Helene (Fehling) Erbes.

She grew up in Germany before moving to the United States in 1972 and becoming a U.S. citizen.

She was a member of the Southern Illinois Worship Center in Energy, IL.

She worked in nursing and hospital care in Germany and later for Marion Memorial Hospital and Herrin Hospital in medical records, some of the area care centers and home health care and retired in the mid 90's due to her health.

She is survived by one daughter, Ramona M. Walker of Atlanta, GA; four sons and two daughter-in-law, Ralf B. Smith of Darmstadt, Germany, Andreas and Marina Zimmermann of Waghaesel, Germany, Robert W. Smith of Pittsburg, PA and Bryan D and Alicia of Marion, IL, the Lake of Egypt community, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant son and sister, Helga Richter.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, 900 N. Court St., Marion, IL.

The graveside service was at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2017, in Rose Hill Cemetery of Marion with Pastor Kerry Cox presiding.

For additional information please call the funeral home at 618-993-2131.

# Cemetery

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**Rose Hill Cemetery**  
1445 North Court Street  
Marion, IL, 62959

# Events

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<b>JUL</b>	<b>Graveside Service</b>	<b>01:00PM</b>
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	Rose Hill Cemetery	
	1445 North Court Street, Marion, IL, US, 62959	

# Comments

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“ My husband and I originally met Heidi at church. There were a few times we helped her out with taking her to dr. appts. or picking something up from the store or pharmacy. She used to "drive" by our house in her motorchair and we would sit on the front porch and talk for a while. She was a sweet little lady. She would talk about her family often. We would talk about different foods and goodies we liked. She was as independent as she could be in her situation. We extend our condolence to Heidi's family. Rick & Helen Mendez.

**Rick Mendez** - July 31, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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“ Sister Heidi was a wonderful lady. We got to know her better while taking her to church. She will be missed by all at SIWC.

**Rush family** - July 31, 2017 at 07:03 AM

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“ I want to say I'm so sorry for your loss to the family of Heidi. Unfortunately I didn't get to meet any of her family, but I talked with Heidi many times. I drive the transport van for the Herrin Hospital and I took Heidi to the Dr. and hospital for tests and therapy many times. She was one of the most interesting people to talk with. She told me many stories of her life when she lived in Germany and after she came to America. She did not complain about any of it, she was just telling me what it was like for her as she grew up. I really grew to think a lot of Heidi and I always looked forward to taking her to her destination. I know she will be greatly missed by me! I know she is now resting in peace in the arms of our Jesus. She is no longer in that wheelchair. She is dancing on her own two feet with the angels in heaven.  
Elaine Tolbert, Heidis' friend!

**Elaine L Tolbert** - July 30, 2017 at 11:53 AM

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“ Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Heidelore Jutta "Heidi" Kessel



Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home - July 28, 2017 at 08:03 PM