



Marsha J. Kahle Dunkin

November 1, 1947 - November 6, 2023

Marsha J. Dunkin, age 76, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023. Marsha was born in West Lafayette, Indiana, to William H. Kahle Sr. and Beverly (Hodson) Kahle. She lived in Anderson from the age of 4. Marsha graduated from Madison Heights High School and attended Anderson College and Indiana University.

Until her retirement in 2016, she was the corporate secretary for W. R. Dunkin & Son, Inc. where she worked alongside her husband, Craig, for over 40 years. Her meticulous handling of the corporation's accounts payable allowed the company to maintain the highest credit ratings possible.

Marsha grew up in the First United Methodist Church, attended North Anderson Church of God/Madison Park Church from 2001 to 2015 and became a member of Central Christian Church in 2016. Her community

activities included Gateway/United Cerebral Palsy Board of Directors, chair of the Women In Business Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, United Way allocation panels, member and secretary of Soroptimist International of Anderson, treasurer of the American Cancer Society Leadership Council, Alternatives, Inc. and St. Johns/St. Vincent Foundation Board. She was a member of Anderson Country Club, Tourist Club and Women In Philanthropy of the Madison County Community Foundation.

Along with Craig, she received the Rotary Community Image Award in 2008 and the Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2010. Marsha and Craig, along with the entire Dunkin team, were recognized for 100 years in business by the Chamber of Commerce in 2015.

Marsha's passion was her family. When her first child, Matthew, was born with cerebral palsy, she took a leave of absence from work to concentrate on Matt's needs. With Marsha's perseverance and the assistance of United Cerebral Palsy (name later changed to Gateway) and Anderson Community Schools, Matthew received the best care possible until his death in 1987.

Marsha was so proud of her daughter Melanie, who was born with a congenital eye defect. She was always by Melanie's side as she navigated through and successfully overcame the obstacles presented to her.

Marsha was a two-time cancer survivor, in addition to enduring other serious health issues. These health challenges made her especially aware of living each day to the fullest and of supporting others in their personal difficulties.

She had a heart for philanthropy and was the driving force behind company and family giving to numerous local charities and institutions for many years.

Marsha loved Mackinac Island, the Colts, her Camaro, Indiana Repertory Theatre, The Indianapolis Broadway Musical series, Anderson University, trips to Washington D.C with the Chamber of Commerce, the Smokies and Vashon Island, Washington.

Marsha was preceded in death by her son Matthew; and her parents, William H. Kahle, Sr. and Beverly (Hodson) Kahle. She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Craig; daughter Melanie C. Dunkin; brother William H. Kahle Jr.; sister-in-law Candy (Steve) Short; niece Caren Short; nephew Colin (Julie) Short; great-niece Mary Kate Short and great-nephew Matthew Short.

Visitation will be on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, 200 W. 53 St., Anderson, IN 46013, and on Tuesday one hour prior to the service.

A memorial service for Marsha will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at 2 p.m., with burial taking place in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alternatives, Inc., Anderson University or Gateway Association, Inc.

Please visit www.loosecares.com to place an online memory of Marsha.

Marsha J. Dunkin 76 passed away Nov 6, 2023. A memorial service will be held at a later date, Loose Funeral Home. Anderson IN

<https://www.loosefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Marsha-Dunkin/#!/Obituary>

And, from 1965 classmate Eric Edwards...

I am sad to report the recent passing of Marsha Kahle Dunkin, 76, wife of Craig Dunkin; both were our classmates in 1965. Marsha had been ill for some time.

Here are the funeral arrangements, held at:

LOOSE FUNERAL HOME

200 W. 53RD ST (Just west of Main St on the North side of 53rd)

Anderson 46013

765/649-5255

Visitation: Monday, Nov 20, 4:00 - 7:00

Visitation: Tuesday, Nov 21, 1:00 - 2:00

Service: Tuesday, Nov 21, 2:00

Burial: Following the service, at *Anderson Memorial Park (Lincoln Section)*.

She was always a very nice person, liked by everyone who knew her; she will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She is survived by husband Craig and daughter Melanie.