



Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens

April 1, 1967 - May 17, 2021

Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens, 54, of Bloomington, Indiana passed away on Monday, May 17, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Cassie was born April 1, 1967 in Morganfield, KY to David Markham and Shelia (Lovell) Carson. She was a 1985 graduate of Madisonville North Hopkins High School in Madisonville, KY. She received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas in 1992.

Cassie married the love of her life, John Lukens on November 30, 1991.

Together, they welcomed their son John Cole and daughter Riley.

She worked as an RN doing Home Health Care from 1992 until 2000 when she decided to step away and spend her time doing what she loved most, raising her children and being more involved in their activities, schools and her community.

Cassie put her heart and soul into everything she did. She spent several years in the Boys & Girls Clubs Auxiliary of Bloomington, Indiana and served as President her final year. She played a major role planning and volunteering for the Strawberry Shortcake Festival that is held every spring in Bloomington.

She was also a volunteer in the schools of her children planning school carnivals, Christmas gift shops and all other activities where she was needed. She worked tirelessly as "team mom" and as a member of the booster club for all her children's baseball, basketball and soccer teams.

Her battle with cancer was long and tough but she met the challenge just the same as she did every obstacle that came her way, with tenacity and a quiet

strength that was unwavering. If you shed a single tear for her, she would say “No tears! I’m living every day!” and that is exactly what she did. She met every day with such strength and determination.

To know her was to love her. She will be remembered as being the one you turn to that was always there to lend a hand. She touched the hearts of all who knew her. You could always count on her beautiful smile that she gave so freely, which could only be complete with her signature red lipstick.

Cassie is survived, celebrated and remembered by her loving husband of 30 years, John Lukens; her children John Cole and Riley Lukens of Bloomington, Indiana and two step daughters Jessica Elliot (Ross) and Melissa Lukens of Illinois; her parents Shelia (Lovell) Carson of Indiana and David Markham (Cheryl) of Kentucky; her sister Tracy (Markham) Vanover (Harlan Looney) of Indiana and James Ligon (Donette) of Arkansas; two granddaughters Remi and Josie Elliot, nieces Presley Lovell, Savannah Ligon, Amanda Norbits and Jennifer Norbits; nephews Hayden Looney, Jakob Ligon, Ryan Engle and Brad Engle; and great niece and nephew Micah and Kash Richardson. She is predeceased by her daughter Hope Markham.

The visitation and funeral will be on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Allen Funeral Home, located at 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and the funeral service from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Immediately following the funeral service, Cassie will be laid to rest, with a brief grave site gathering at Valhalla Memory Gardens, located at 310 North Johnson Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington, Indiana. <https://bgcbloomington.org/support>.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ Tammy Dickerson Cummins lit a candle in memory of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens



Tammy Dickerson Cummins - May 23, 2021 at 03:33 PM

TC

“ I always looked up to Cassie. I was only 14 when I entered the family as Tracy's friend and frequent couch sleeper. Cassie has always been a beautiful person- her soul shined through her bright eyes and her vibrant smile! Her energy lasted a lifetime and her love and compassion touched so many as is evident all the heartfelt messages left for her. May John, JC, Riley, mama Sheila, Tracy, Jayme, Pressley, Hayden... And all her family be comforted and find peace and this difficult time. May you know so many send you love and support and prayers today and in the weeks ahead. I earned my nickname From her... I feel so lucky to have known her.

All my love, "Pickle"

Tammy Dickerson Cummins - May 23, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 22, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 21, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 21, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity* was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 21, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 21, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



May 21, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Cassie was truly a beautiful person, inside and out. We are so heartbroken and sorry for your loss. Love, Vanessa, Abby, Adam, Sean & Khaleesi*

Vanessa Elder - May 21, 2021 at 07:23 AM



“ *Cassie is deeply loved by so many. We have endless memories from our Smithville days with our Smithville family! I bet Bill, Jenni, and Cassie and dancing on the streets of gold together...what a reunion! ❤️*

Gina, Bryce, Brynn, and Drew - May 20, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *We haven't seen Cassie since she moved. She was a lovely neighbor, coming around at Christmastime with fudge, her red coat and beautiful smile. How she adored her kids and John. We were so shocked to read of her passing and will pray for her family.*

Jim & Marcia Holthaus

James Holthaus - May 20, 2021 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ *Lori & Missy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



Lori & Missy - May 20, 2021 at 02:38 AM

BL

“ *John, JC; and Riley,
I want you to know that I'm saddened to hear of Cassie's passing. John, your mom and sister often told me how wonderful she was. Now they are all shining down to comfort you all during this extremely difficult time. Sending God's peace.
Betty Langenfeld*

Betty Langenfeld - May 19, 2021 at 10:58 PM

GP

“ *John and family,

I was saddened to read about Cassie's passing. Although I didn't have the privilege to know her the way many of your friends have commented on this tribute wall, her commitment as a loving supportive spouse and mother is quite evident. She is leaving a legacy of making her community a better place.*

Sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Greg Poling

Greg Poling - May 19, 2021 at 10:47 PM

DD

“ Cassie was one of a kind. From the moment you met her you know family was her driving force and the center of her universe. Cassie made everyone feel welcome and cared about. I've admired Cassie from the very the moment we met. Riley, you have become a chosen soccer sister, role model and dear friend to our daughter. Wrapping you in love, hugs and support. Our hearts go out to you all. Red lipstick, laughs and smiles... always and forever.

Deb Dunbar - May 19, 2021 at 09:06 PM

JE

“ Cassie was such a kind person! Thinking of your family during this sad time❤️ Matt, Jenny, Sam and Sarah Brinegar ❤️

Jennifer - May 19, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ Cassie was a rare individual. I met her and got to know her during John Cole's first and second grade years in the Creek/Love multiage classroom at Rogers Elementary. She was an enthusiastic participant in classroom events, but never needed to take center stage. Cassie loved to help make things happen and was supportive of others. She loved her family and had a real skill in how she spoke to John Cole. Cassie was free with her praise, while at the same time not shy about letting her son know when he needed to make better choices. (JC mostly made pretty good choices in first and second grade.) She could be firm and positive at the same time. Not an easy thing to do. What a fantastic grandmother she would have been. She will be missed by many.
Michael Love

Michael Love - May 19, 2021 at 07:03 PM

CB

“ John, JC, and Riley I met Cassie when JC and my son Ryan played travel baseball together. I know they are in heaven sharing all those memories. You all are in my thoughts and prayers ❤️

Carol Bruner - May 19, 2021 at 06:11 PM

ML

“ Cassie was an angel on earth, but she was a tough girl too who wasn't afraid to stick up for her friends and what she thought was right. When I had a leadership role in the auxiliary, Cassie came to the rescue on a particular occasion which resulted in a large financial benefit to the kids at the club. We were all lucky to have her. ❤️❤️❤️MLG

MLG - May 19, 2021 at 04:16 PM

MM

“ John, JC, and Riley - please know I am thinking of all of you and your extended family as you navigate this loss - Cassie was a beautiful woman, both inside and out, and I personally know what a positive force she was as a mom, because JC & Riley, you are remarkable young adults, who I feel privileged to know! Please reach out if you need anything. Much love, Martha Moore

Martha Moore - May 19, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Rose Impression Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 19, 2021 at 01:42 PM

MC

“ John and family, so sorry to hear about your loss. Sending prayers and hugs your way.
Mike Casali



Michael Casali - May 19, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 19, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DS

“ John and family,
It's with heavy heart that I learn of Cassie's passing. Remember all the good times you shared with Cassie and know she is shining down on you and your family. Rest In Peace Cassie.
Sincerely,
Don Sites

Donald Sites - May 19, 2021 at 07:32 AM

MR

“ While I never got to meet Cassie, I know she was a special person. John, I hurt for you. You've had more than your fair share of heartache during the past few months. I am sincerely sorry and please know you are in my thoughts and prayers, my friend

Mark Robinson



Mark Robinson - May 19, 2021 at 12:08 AM

KF

“ Kevin, Sam, Andrew, Ray, Izabelle, Natalie, Fran purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



Kevin, Sam, Andrew, Ray, Izabelle, Natalie, Fran - May 18, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



May 18, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



May 18, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



May 18, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



May 18, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Sympathy from Steve Fisher, Byron Evans, Dan and Julie Hentscher & Tim Grimes.*

Paul Carson - May 18, 2021 at 01:03 PM

Cindy Stark

“ Cassie was truly amazing. During two different periods of my life where I felt out of place and lonely, she was the one who made a difference and the one who made me feel safe and accepted. I have a feeling she did that for many. I thanked her recently for the way she modeled living for us, both pre-cancer and post. And she was the team mom of all team moms. I'd love to sit next to her on a bleacher again. Maybe someday. ❤️ John, JC, Riley, Sheila, I'm praying for you.

Cindy Stark - May 18, 2021 at 12:56 PM

PC

“ Phillip, Carl, Paul and David Carson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.



Phillip, Carl, Paul and David Carson - May 18, 2021 at 12:50 PM

PB

“ Dearest Cassie - what a loss for our world. She was one of the classiest, bravest, kindest, giving and energetic person I have ever known. She will be missed by so many people and especially her family. I love you, Cassie!

*Pam Burton
Lindale, TX*

Pam Burton - May 18, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



May 18, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



May 18, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *No words can adequately describe our love and respect for sweet Cassie. She loved deeply and lived her life for her family and friends. This is one of my favorite photos from our visits. May God bless and bring comfort to John, JC, Riley, Sheila, Tracy and EVERYONE of her family members and friends that loved her. It has been truly a blessing to be a part of Cassie's incredible life. Heaven has gained the sweetest of angels. Jim & Vicki Frazo*



Jim & Vicki Frazo - May 18, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens.*



May 18, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Sue Hettle lit a candle in memory of Cassandra "Cassie" Lukens*



sue Hettle - May 18, 2021 at 10:02 AM