



## Jody Anne Vaught

June 2, 1954 - November 19, 2025

Jody Anne (Maddox) Vaught, 71, of Springville, Indiana passed away unexpectedly on November 19, 2025, at home.

Jody was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Joe and Patricia (Lane) Maddox, on June 2, 1954. After graduating from Thorntown High School, Thorntown, Indiana in 1972, she immediately moved to Bloomington, Indiana to start the next chapter of her life with beloved Wayne. Her career began that summer as a secretary in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University (IU). Over the years, she received several promotions culminating with her last position as Director of Business Affairs and Budget for the Indiana University School of Public Health. During her time at IU she also served on the Bloomington Professional Staff Council. Jody retired in June of 2021 after 49 years of service.

Jody was known for her unwavering dedication to the School of Public Health and forged many lifelong friendships along the way. Even after retirement she continued to see those friends and colleagues on a regular basis. Everyone knew Jody!

But her favorite “job” of all was being Mamaw to her four amazing grandchildren. She was always present, willing to help, and never said no. She cherished every moment with them and will be deeply missed. In fact, there isn’t a single person that Jody met that wasn’t touched in a wonderfully positive way. She didn’t have to be asked to help, she was just there and knew what to do - always with her big, beautiful smile.

Jody was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Barbara Vaught. She is survived by her father, Joe Maddox, husband, Wayne, daughters, Buffie Vaught and Brandy (Jon) Albano, and grandchildren Samantha Albano, Abigail Albano, Daniel Albano, and Cora Mink. She is also survived by her sister, Diana (Rick) Dupree, and brothers, Dennis (Tracy) Maddox, Mike (Debbie) Maddox, and Joe (Lori) Maddox as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and numerous cousins.

Jody will forever be remembered for her kindness and smile, infectious personality, and sincere love for her family and friends. Her laughter and thoughtfulness were true gifts to everyone who knew her.

In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution to a non-profit of your choosing.

The funeral will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, Indiana on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Visitation is 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm with the funeral service beginning at 7:00 pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ I worked with Jody at the School of Public Health for many years and always looked forward to popping in to her office for a visit. She was never without a smile. Her positivity and kindness will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with Wayne, her daughters, and all of her family.

Kelli Market - November 25, 2025 at 12:38 PM

MP

“ Jody was a wonderful woman. I met her through my Dad, Robert Piercy. She worked with him for years and was always so kind and funny, even to pesty loud kids coming to see Dad. She treated everyone with warmth and respect. She will be missed. Prayer to the family and friends who knew her.

Mary Piercy - November 25, 2025 at 10:37 AM

LH

“ Jody always had a bright smile every time I saw her. Her good mood was contagious and her office was a place of calm and kindness. I loved all the family photos in her office, and hearing about her children and grandchildren. I especially enjoyed hearing about her granddaughters' successes in swimming. She loved her family! She was always willing to lend a hand or offer support. Working with her was a privilege, and her absence is deeply felt. We send heartfelt condolences to her family. Lesa and Jeff Huber

Lesa Huber - November 24, 2025 at 08:44 PM

DD

Oh Lesa, thank you so much and THANK YOU for coming to her service, it was great to see you. Diana

Diana Dupree - November 25, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BS

“ Bob & Debbie Szemcsak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jody Anne Vaught.

Bob & Debbie Szemcsak - November 23, 2025 at 10:47 AM

BS

“ Bob & Debbie Szemcsak purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Jody Anne Vaught.



Bob & Debbie Szemcsak - November 23, 2025 at 10:47 AM

GW

“ When we moved from WI into the house next door to Jody and Wayne all the memories were just getting started. The brownies she brought us that day and her smile and Hoosier hills accent sure made us welcome.  
That first impression is exactly the Jody we still love so today.  
She is one of those people “you love to remember”!

Gary and Lori Wernlund - November 23, 2025 at 10:02 AM

DG

“ During my time at IU and the School of HPER, I had the good fortune to work with Jody, often on a daily basis. Stepping in to her office one was always greeted with that wonderful smile and enthusiastic approach to her work. Our common goal was accuracy and transparency in all budgetary matters. Jody’s can do attitude and high level of competence was very much appreciated by all. Wayne and family, grieve yes, but do so in knowing that Jody touched the lives of many and that her’s was a life well lived in the service of others, especially her beloved family.  
*David & Ellie Gallahur*

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**David & Ellie Gallahue** - November 22, 2025 at 05:21 PM

ML

“ I worked with Jody at the Hazard Control Program at IU in the Poplars building. We worked together for years until I married and moved to Charleston SC. I still kept in touch with Jody throughout the years. She was a wonderful friend (and boss) who was dedicated to Wayne and her family. Sending my love and prayers to the family. *Michelle Hays Lattimore*

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**Michelle Hays Lattimore** - November 22, 2025 at 02:47 PM

DW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jody and her family. I worked with Jody as a colleague for over 35 years in the School of HPER and School of Public Health - Bloomington. Jody brought happiness to everyone that she knew. Jody always knew what to do and what to say. Jody was and will always be the cornerstone of our school. She is a big part of who we are today and we will miss her dearly. I will always remember Jody sharing pictures of her kids and grandkids and how proud she was. I miss her everyday.

*Michael Willett*

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**Dr. Michael Willett** - November 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

CK

*Jody was one of my favorite people within the School of Public Health/HPER. She was upbeat; honest, forthright and a gem to engage with. If I had an issue I always knew who to talk to and get a smile from. She will be missed by many at the School of Public Health. Godspeed Jody.*  
*Carol Kennedy-Armbruster*

**Carol Kennedy-Armbruster** - March 18 at 08:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jody Anne Vaught.*



November 22, 2025 at 11:17 AM

KW

“ *Karen, Missy , and Jeff Waldon purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jody Anne Vaught.*



**Karen, Missy , and Jeff Waldon** - November 22, 2025 at 10:22 AM

DA

“ *David B. Allison purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jody Anne Vaught.*



**David B. Allison** - November 22, 2025 at 02:06 AM

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David B. Allison - November 22, 2025 at 02:06 AM

DC

“ We always loved spending time with Jody. Her wonderful charm and infectious smile was the best. We are so saddened by the news and want to send big hugs to her family - Wayne and Buffie. We are thinking and praying for you during this time. Lots of love - your friends, Diana Christensen and Tessa Shaw.

Diana Christensen - November 21, 2025 at 10:37 PM

BV

Thank you both so very much. She couldn't say enough kind things about Allure and you both.

Buffie Vaught - December 07, 2025 at 09:29 PM

LF

“ Love, Mike and the Hargrove family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jody Anne Vaught.



Love, Mike and the Hargrove family. - November 21, 2025 at 02:55 PM

SM

“ I always love my trips to Indiana to see Cora. It was always a fun time whenever Jody joined us for a game, to watch Cora in marching band or just hang out. Her smile was infectious and I loved her southern drawl. Whenever I needed a ride to or from the airport she would pitch in. I still smile about the pregnant cat that she made a home for with blankets and such in the playhouse and then after giving birth had the audacity to move its kittens into a hole in a tree. Jody I will miss you.

Shari Mink - November 21, 2025 at 02:03 PM

DW

“ So sorry to hear of your family's loss, Wayne. Sending prayers for your family as I know she will be deeply missed.



Deborah Walton - November 21, 2025 at 12:41 PM

RD

From being a main administrative assistant at IRPS (Institute for Research in Public Safety) to an enthusiastic manager/coach of girls softball at the Winslow Sports Complex Jody was always a pleasure to be around. Her energy and commitment to excellence were hallmarks of her character. My best wishes to her family.

Ronald W Drahos - November 23, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DM

My beautiful sister. We were born only 1 year and 2 days apart. I had for all this time a sister who cared for me and loved me as she did everyone else. God bless you Jody, simply the best example of a kind, caring human being.

Dennis Maddox - November 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM