



Joan Gage Hiemstra, 56, of Decatur, IN, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at Visiting Nurse Hospice Home in Ft. Wayne. She was born on March 18, 1959 in Decatur to the late Theodore W. “Ted” and Ruth A. (Rauch) Gage. On October 30, 1993, she married Thomas S. Hiemstra.

She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and the Women of St. Mary’s. She also served as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound.

Joan worked for a number of years as an Internal Auditor for Fort Financial Credit Union.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Tom Hiemstra; In-laws, Carl and Shirley Hiemstra of Huntington; a brother, Ron (Janette) Gage of Decatur; 2 sisters, Joyce Colligan of Ft. Wayne and Janet (Stan) Bebout of Decatur; nieces and nephews, Nathan, Zach, Drew (Mary), Aly, Allison, Sarah, Carter, and Stephen.

Visitation will be from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home with a reciting of the Holy Rosary at 1:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with visitation 1 hour prior from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the St. Mary’s Parish Hall. Presiding will be Father David Voors and Father Jose Panamattathil, V.C and burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society or A.C.C.F. Angel Cancer Fund.

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