



## I. Karen Shoemaker

May 16, 1939 - June 19, 2017

Ila Karen Shoemaker, 78, lost her battle with congestive heart failure late Monday night, June 19, 2017. She was born at Witham Hospital on May 16, 1939, in Lebanon, Indiana, the daughter of the late Raleigh Kouns, Sr. and Mildred (Wilson) Kouns.

Karen was raised in Zionsville and graduated from Zionsville High School.

On September 15, 1957, she was married to John William Shoemaker at the Zionsville Christian Church. They were married 53 years before John's passing on April 11, 2011.

Prior to raising her family, she had worked at American States Insurance Company in Indianapolis. While she was a stay at home mom, she volunteered in the crib room at Central Christian Church and taught Sunday school for three and four year olds. Karen was a Brownie Leader and a Girl Scout district cookie mother. She was a member of the Home Economics Club, Jaycees and Newcomers Club, serving as president. Her passions included reading, teaching herself to cook, and above all, her family. She was the spoke of the family wheel: chauffeured her girls to their activities, dance and piano lessons, scouts, 4-H, horse and dog shows.

Karen and her husband owned and operated Boone Mutual Agency in Lebanon, Indiana. Together they also enjoyed wintering in Florida. She was

an antique dealer for many years, traveling to antiques shows. In later years, she and her husband owned Countryside Antique Mall and John W. Shoemaker Auctioneer Service where she clerked and cashiered.

Always a hostess, Karen always enjoyed serving as hostess, planning and preparing food for family dinners and parties, keeping John and the girls in line and on task.

Survivors:

Three Daughters:

V. Lyn Boevers and husband, Randy – Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma

Susan J. Neese and husband, Michael - Thorntown, Indiana

Marcy K. Scott and husband, Todd - Thorntown, Indiana

Six Grandchildren:

John L. Boevers and wife, Jennifer – Wynnewood, Oklahoma

Amanda S. Trent and husband, Tyler – Jamestown, Indiana

Casey N. McClelland and husband, Billy– Otisco, Indiana

John R. Scott and wife, Sarah – Rossville, Indiana

Ila Sue Robinson and husband, Adam - Frankfort, Indiana

Levi T. Scott – Thorntown, Indiana

Five Great Grandchildren:

Evan M. Trent

Kylee L. Trent

Zoey G. Trent

Joseph Ryan Sutphin

Ava A. Scott

Brother:

Raleigh Kouns, Jr. and wife, Barbara Jean – Zionsville, Indiana

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, Lebanon.

Funeral Services are planned for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2017, at the funeral home in Lebanon.

Interment will follow services at Mts. Runn Cemetery, rural Zionsville.

Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Boone County 4-H Clubs, 1300 East  
100 South, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

Online condolences: [www.myersmortuary.com](http://www.myersmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mts. Runn Cemetery

250 South 775 East  
Zionsville, IN 46077

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
(765) 482-0620  
office@myersmortuary.com  
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## Service

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I. Karen Shoemaker*

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November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Susan and family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Thinking of you.*

*Marcia and Rick Overfield*

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**Marcia Overfield** - June 22, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of I. Karen Shoemaker.*



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June 22, 2017 at 01:08 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Stan and I always looked forward to coming back to Lebanon and visiting the Shoemakers. Stan and John were usually deep in discussion about antiques. Karen and I focused on our families. I was fortunate to have visited Karen about two years ago. I will carry that memory with me.

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Gloria Groover  
Millersville MD*

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**Gloria Groover** - June 22, 2017 at 12:46 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss!! Prayers for God's peace and comfort at this tough time!

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**Cindy and Bob Keyes** - June 21, 2017 at 11:48 PM

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“ the Doctors and Staff at AmeriPath Indiana purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of I. Karen Shoemaker.



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**the Doctors and Staff at AmeriPath Indiana** - June 21, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of I. Karen Shoemaker.*



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June 21, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *Marcy - I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm sure your mother appreciated all the wonderful things you did for her. Although I cannot be there in person, I am with you in spirit. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. You and your family will be in my prayers.*

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**Debbie Ley** - June 21, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ *Marcy - Please know that I am thinking of you and the rest of your family at this time. I can imagine the sadness you must be feeling from the loss of your mother. The death of someone dear to us is never easy. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to let me know.*

*“There are things that we don't want to happen but have to accept, things we don't want to know but have to learn, and people we can't live without but have to let go.”*

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**Kerra** - June 21, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**Kathy Linton** - June 21, 2017 at 08:38 AM

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“ We are sorry and deeply saddened by your family's tremendous loss. Please know you are being held close in thought and prayer during this painfully difficult time. Sending heartfelt condolences and many hugs for all.

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**Jay Ard & Debra Jo Endres-Ard** - June 21, 2017 at 07:07 AM