



Jacqueline J. "Jacqui" Fittery

June 30, 1971 - January 30, 2023

Jacqueline J. "Jacqui" Fittery, 51, of Manheim, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2023 at Hospice and Community Care, Mount Joy. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of Barbara (Hartman) Garbrick, wife of Thomas of Elizabethtown and the late David Jean Portner. Jacqui was the wife of Neil Fittery with whom she celebrated 25 years of marriage.

Jacqui was a graduate of Elizabethtown High School class of 1989. She was employed by Hershey Medical Center as a Licensed Practical Nurse, a profession she truly loved. Jacqui enjoyed trips to the beach especially Crystal Beach. Jacqui also enjoyed socializing with her friends anywhere she could. Most of all she cherished the time she spent with her family especially with her sons.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Neil, are two sons, Brock Fittery, husband of Angela and Garret Fittery all of Manheim; a grandson, Lucas Fittery and one on the way; two brothers, Doug Portner, husband of Susan of Anapolis, MD and Chad Garbrick of Elizabethtown; Father in law, Herman Fittery of Manheim; In laws, Kandi Gible, wife of Randy of Manheim, Larry Fittery, husband of Heather of Manheim, and Gary Fittery, husband of Jennifer all of Manheim; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother in law, Charlotte Fittery.

A memorial service honoring Jacqui's life will be held at Chiques Church, 4045 Sunnyside Rd, Manheim, PA 17545 on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc. 16 East

Main Street, Mount Joy on Friday, February 3, 2023 from 6 PM to 8 PM and again on Saturday at the church after the service. There is no greeting before the service on Saturday. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc.
16 E Main St
Mount Joy, PA 17552
(717) 653-5441
<https://www.sheetzfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chiques Church
4045 Sunnyside Road
Manheim, PA 17545

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Jacqui had the best smile that lit up any place she was. She was a class ahead of me in school, I remember her for being super fun and happy. I'm sorry that another beautiful smile has left this earth but I am thankful Jacqui's smile is making heaven all that brighter. Sending love and prayers to all of her family and friends.-Sue (Stone) Hopple class of 1990

Sue Hopple - February 04, 2023 at 08:08 AM

JF

“ Jacqui posed for me when I studied photography in college. These are some favorites. I am still trying to locate ones where she posed in my mother's purple bedroom.

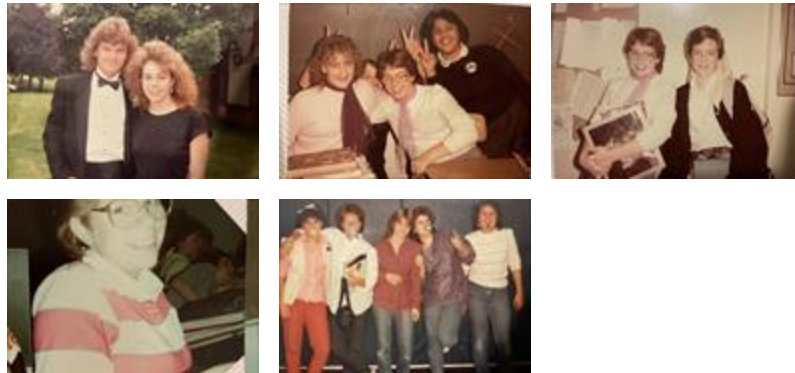
I know after the house fire many years ago, they lost a lot of photos.



Jennifer Joy Fox - February 03, 2023 at 06:11 PM

JF

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Joy Fox - February 03, 2023 at 06:01 PM

 Wendy Faust

“ Sending love, sympathy and prayers to the entire family.

Wendy Faust - February 03, 2023 at 08:08 AM

JF

“ Jacqui has been one of my most trusted friends for 42 years. After being bullied by a neighborhood girl in school, whom I thought a friend, my mom sought to find new friends for me. Jacqui was new to Rheems Elementary, where we met in 4th grade in 1981. Mom had a Halloween slumber party for me inviting Jacqui, and other new girls, as well as the neighborhood kids to scare us by pounding on the windows and hiding. All were invited in for drinks and snacks. My mom was wise, she brought us all together. Jacqui spent many evenings at my mom’s with us talking for hours over Maxwell House International coffees. When she visited with me to see my mom, when she was in hospice, she said my mom inspired her to seek her RN degree and working at Hershey Medical Center like her was a high point of her career. In middle school she always bought me birthday gifts. I had a mug from her, keeping it well into my 20’s, with a mouse on it dangling from a drawn crack, that said “hang in there”. That was the kind of friend she was always kind, never a push over, but would tell you exactly how she saw things. Her inner compass, faith, intuition, was always strong, and I trusted her like no one else. When I was at a crossroads, she was there to listen, believing in me, when I had lost faith in myself. In our twenties she introduced me to Cecil County. We visited her Aunt’s family at their Crystal Beach cottage. We ate home grown tomatoes and corn, talking over picking crabs and tanning on the beach. She taught me how to pick crabs. I likely would not have chosen to take an art teaching position here 22 years ago, had she not introduced me to this place. Now I have spent more years here than my first 23 in PA. We went through the loss of parents, familial changes and parental divorces. When preposed to and wrestling with it. She was my confidant to wrangle with what to do? Move forward and marry or move forward on my own? I respected her ear, and advisement, because she had created the marriage with her hubby that her and I, as girls, had hoped our hearts would find in this big world. I will miss my soul sister, dear friend, and confidant. I am so grateful for the ways she has influenced my life for the better.





Jennifer Joy Fox - February 02, 2023 at 07:54 PM

JE

This is beautiful, Joy. Thank you for sharing your story about you and Jacqui♥ I grew up living very close to Jacqui, and we played together in childhood. Along with Amy Shank, we would play with our "life-size" dolls. What a lovely soul♥♥♥

Jennifer - February 02, 2023 at 09:13 PM

JF

Thank you.

Jennifer Joy Fox - February 02, 2023 at 10:37 PM

“ I have known Jacqui since she was just a teenager, coming into the salon where I worked and asking for crazy hairstyles. I still chuckle about the time she told me she had a date with this great guy. But I wouldn't know him because he was from Manheim. She told me his name and the look on her face was priceless when I told her Neil is my cousin! I am so thankful that God had much more in store for us than an occasional meeting in a styling salon.

A few years later a deep, beautiful friendship developed. Many long conversations on my campmeeting cabin porch that lasted into the wee hours of the morning. It was there that she asked me to pray for her family as she was told she only had a short time to be with them. I remember her saying “I'm OK. I just worry about them”.

How blessed I was when she called me and invited me to her baptism as she went “all in” for Jesus! What a beautiful, living testimony of the life changing power of our savior.

But the biggest blessing came later. She was my rock when I walked a very short journey with cancer. She was a wealth of knowledge, my sounding board and my inspiration. After walking this short journey with me, I remember being hesitant to tell her that my pathology showed no additional cancer after surgery. I hesitated because I was cancer free and she, who fought a much harder battle than I had, was not. Her reply was, “Lori are you kidding me? I rejoice when anyone beats this horrible disease! You shout it from the mountaintops!”

Jacqui was the best of the best. My example of how to accept what life brings your way, how to fight with every ounce of your being, how to live every moment to its fullest and most of all how to love fiercely!

This world is a much better place because she spent a short time here. I will miss her every day, but I thank God for lending her to us for a little while.

I love her more than she ever knew. Rest well in the arms of Jesus precious one. ☐ 🕊️

Lori Keener - February 02, 2023 at 07:18 PM