



Beatrice "Bea" J. Hughes

July 15, 1946 - November 19, 2023

Beatrice J. "Bea" Hughes, 77, of Mentone, Indiana went home to be with the Lord at 10:56 pm, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, after a very short illness, at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Bea was born on July 15, 1946 in Warsaw, Indiana to the late Anthony "Pat" and Lois (Whetstone) Walsh. She was a 1964 graduate of Mentone High School and had also attended Beaver Dam. She married July 31, 1965 in the Sacred Heart Church of Warsaw, Indiana to Gene Hughes, he survives. She worked for Mentone Egg Products for over 20 years, starting as an egg cracker and retiring as production supervisor.

Bea had a servant's heart. She was a part of the Mentone Fireman's Auxiliary, as well as their Women's Waterball Team. She was heavily involved with the Special Olympics and was a volunteer for the Mentone Youth League, where she served on the board of directors. Bea was awarded the Kosciusko Community Foundation Heart of Gold for 2001 demonstrating her outstanding community service and volunteerism. She and her husband were also honored as the Egg Festival Parade Marshals in 2002. She was a certified EMT and held several different positions for the Four-Way Ambulance Service of Mentone.

Bea fed all the crews and half the pits at the races, supporting her husband, in

the #47 G&B Racing car. She was also a great hand in the garage. Bea was a major supporter of all Tippecanoe Valley Athletics cheering the teams with their number one fan, her daughter, Teri. But most of all she loved her grandkids and great grandkids, they were her heart.

She is survived by her husband Gene Hughes of Mentone; children Joe and wife Angie Hughes of Bremen, Mark and wife Amy Hughes of Mentone, Teri Hughes of Mentone, Becky Shepherd and Jason Teague of Mentone; grandchildren Derek, Patrick and wife Ericca, Jamie and wife Bethany, Cassidy and Ben, Kirstin and husband Austin, Jessie, and Kaitlin; 5 Great Grandchildren; and a sister Patti and husband Dennis Gruenewald of Woodberry, Minnesota.

Bea was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter-in-law Shawnee Lynn Hughes, a sister Dixie Lee Summe, and a great grandson Graham.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with Pastor Emily Gearhart officiating.

The interment will take place in the Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm, Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Beaver Dam Community Church/Wheels on Fire to assist the community members who are fighting cancer .

Cemetery Details

Harrison Center Cemetery

965 South 800 West
Etna Green, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
101 North Tucker Street
P.O. Box 56
Mentone, IN 46539
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Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Beatrice "Bea" J. Hughes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 22, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *We were very sad to hear of the passing of Bea. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who knew Bea.*

*Love,
John, Doug, and Gregg Flory*

The Flory's - November 24, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Blaine Hartzler - November 23, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - November 22, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice "Bea" J. Hughes.



November 22, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ Jackie Knowles Bettinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice "Bea" J. Hughes.

Jackie Knowles Bettinger - November 22, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice "Bea" J. Hughes.*



November 22, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beatrice "Bea" J. Hughes.*



November 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Bea lit up a room, auditorium or football field whenever she was there. I have known her for a long time and what a blessing it has been. I pray for all of the family to have strength in the next few days. Bea and you all are very dear to me, so please keep me in mind if you need anything.*

*May God comfort you.
Rodney Smythe*

Rodney Smythe - November 22, 2023 at 11:47 AM

BW

“ Oh what a loss to us and our community. Beautiful Bea, walking hand in hand with Jesus, free from all her pain. Gene and families, please accept our deepest sympathy at this time, and may God grant you the strength to grieve this loss in your own time and way. Blessings and many prayers.
Butch and Diane Warren



Butch and Diane Warren - November 22, 2023 at 08:16 AM

RY

“ Kim and I are so sorry to hear of Bea's passing. Bea was full of grace and truly had a servant's heart. Thoughts and prayers go out to Gene, Teri and the family. Bea will be sorely missed.....Ron and Kim Yeiter

Ronald Yeiter - November 22, 2023 at 07:03 AM

LS

“ Our memories from the race track will always be cherished the rest of our lives, she was a very special woman! Condolences to you all
❤️

Lou & Cindy Stremme - November 21, 2023 at 10:38 PM

JB

“ GENE, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF BEA, I'M SURE SHE WAS A GREAT WIFE AND MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS VERY SAD TIME! SORRY WE CAN'T BE THERE FOR YOUR SUPPORT NOW. MAY GOD BE YOUR COMFORT 🙏🙏🙏❤️!!! 😊🌹🌸🌸🌸🌸

JOHN AND JULIA BAKER - November 21, 2023 at 10:08 PM

LR

“ *Bea was a wonderful neighbor and friend. I loved going to her house for card club. Her Sausage Rice Pilaf remains a favorite of our family. Bea was always willing to lend a hand wherever it was needed. The Valley stands won't be the same without Bea. My heart goes out to this wonderful family at the loss of one so dear.*

Lee Ann Rock - November 21, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beatrice "Bea" J. Hughes.*



November 21, 2023 at 07:17 PM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Bea. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her...Jerry and Vicki Martin*

jerry martin - November 21, 2023 at 04:37 PM

AF

“ *Our deepest sympathy for you all. Prayers for God to comfort you during this time.*



Aj & Angela Himes & families - November 21, 2023 at 03:48 PM