



Betty A. Eckert

June 8, 1930 - October 1, 2023

Betty A. Eckert, 93, who saw nearly a century of the most amazing times in history, of rural Claypool, Indiana (Beaver Dam Lake) passed surrounded by her family at 5:36 pm, Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 at her residence.

Betty was born, premature at just 4lbs with a heart murmur, on June 8, 1930 in Plymouth, Indiana to the late Alva and Dorothy (Montague) Sisk. She was a 1949 graduate of Warsaw High School. She married on Feb. 23, 1951 in Warsaw, Indiana to Merl "Bud" H. Eckert, who preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1995.

She was an operator for United Telephone as well as working for R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Holland Furnace Company, Horn's Sunny Meade all of Warsaw. Betty served as one of the first community emergency operators, plugging into the fire firefighters line and providing them with the location of the fire (all before 911 was established in Indiana).

She enjoyed being in bowling leagues, and loved playing cards or any kind of games. In addition she enjoyed spending time crocheting, reading and making cinnamon rolls. A late bloomer of the iPad and enjoyed those puzzles and games too. Betty watched tennis and could get anyone interested and involved when watching with her. She was always game for anything even in her later years, going on a canoe excursion being dumped two different times by her kids, still always up for another adventure. She even ventured to go

with her mother and mother in law on one of the camping trips. The family loved camping each year in Minnesota or Florida, she would say "I believe that's where all my kids came from". Another excursion was to take her father dying of cancer for his last adventure.

As a mother of 5, she was always caring for others, always putting someone else first. She had the loss of her 1st Child, and then her 2nd child was born with Down Syndrome "the favorite of the family" whom she cared for 58 years. She stayed by her husband's side as he was placed in hospice care during his passing. She experienced the tragic death of her 2 sons being lost at sea after a fishing excursion in Florida, one survived while the other 2 were never found; she has also experienced the loss of 3 grandchildren. However she always stayed positive and forged on and made us all stronger and continued to enjoy every new adventure every day. Her family grieves her loss, but they take comfort knowing that she will once again be together with those she cared for and loved.

She is survived by her daughter Tina and husband Chris Cook of Warsaw; son Michael and wife Mary Eckert of Claypool; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; sisters Barbara Ginter of Hobart; and her dog Benji.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents Alva Sisk and Dorothy Black, husband Bud, sons Roy, Jay, and Shaun Eckert, an infant daughter Sharon, 3 grandsons, sister Mary Jane Grubbs, 2 still born brothers, and step father Robert Black.

A PRIVATE funeral service to celebrate this amazing, wonderful caring life will be held at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 11 am to the time of the service.

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

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the local animal shelter of their choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
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Tribute Wall

“ If I had the gift of having another day with her, I would rewind the years and enjoy them all over again

I would say to her:

Little lambs eat ivy, so she would finish the rhythm and smile and giggle. Then I would share in reciting all the nursery rhythms with her that she taught me and giggle some more.

Itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.....

I would give her the orange hot wheels race track so she could beat some sense into me, then take it away from her and giggle, and let her know, that she didn't used it on Mickey enough.

I would make a bunch of mud pies with her and Roy and then make some more.

I would go back to the gravel pit, creek and ponds on the farm and catch frogs with her.

Make sure we had bread sacks saved to use in our boots to keep the snow out, and let it snow just enough to go sledding with her. Pile up on the sled with Roy on the bottom and race down the hill through the trees to the end.

Eat snow, with no yellow in it, eat icicles from the roof, and not know it wasn't good for us.

Make kites with newspaper, Elmer's glue, willow branches and torn up material from Mickey's old shirts to create a tail. Then put our green with yellow sole rubber boots on with no socks and run through the stocks of corn previously picked by Dad, (with the perfect October weather and fly them.)

Tell her it's ok that Shaun and I fight, that's how we show our love

for one another.

Teach her how to make creatures from the creepy crawler set - molds, by melting lead with fire, instead of using the colored glue that came with the set and not get yelled at for using her spoons to melt the lead, that were always missing from her kitchen.

Watch pigs being born, Swing on the rope in the hay mound. Go Easter scavenger hunting with her, but let me guess the clues since she would come up with the answers to fast.

Lay in the grass with her, look up at the sky watch the planes fly by and wonder where they are headed too, all while singing...I'm leaving on a jet plane don't know when I'll be back again.

Play cowboys and Indians with her and let her tie me up, then let me loose, so we could eat lunch together and enjoy conversation.

I would give her a chance to talk with Shaun and Jay, one more time and have her yell at them. Tell them they had us worried while they were enjoying themselves on an island, but glad they are back home now and update them on all that has happened while they have been gone. Then get everyone in the family together and play all kind of games and just enjoy each other and catch up.

Tell her she has a wonderful talent of acting like she is listening, when she had work to do, because she always made me feel she really was, even if she wasn't.

Go mushroom hunting with her and catch the big ones, come home fry them up with butter and flour and eat them, but always share them.

Go back in time with her and meet all the family and friends she enjoyed in her life and listen to their stories.

Share her with family, visit everyone and enjoy the grand kids, great

grand kids and great great grand kids, (each and every one of them), let them know how much she loved them all, and how she always thought of them often.

When told to go to bed and after arguing that I don't want to go to bed now, and then ask why does Jay get to stay up, give her a kiss on the cheek see Dad sitting next to her and give him a kiss too and tell them good night and let them know they always made me feel safe and loved and they were the best mom and dad in the world and we had the perfect life!

When she comes to give me another blanket and asks if I'm warm enough, I will tell her she no longer need to worry about me Chris will keep care of me and Family will watch over me, her job is done, she can rest now.

But tell her to visit often because I miss her!

*Good bye mom til we meet again - I LOVE YOU! You are my heart.
Tina*

Tina - October 04, 2023 at 12:53 PM

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“ **ALL FAMILY MEMBERS**

Visitation start at 11 am and Service is at 12 noon, if you would like to attend, thank you.

Tina - October 03, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Eckert.*



October 03, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty A. Eckert.*



October 03, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ *Our sympathies to Betty's family. She was always a joy to be around. We especially enjoyed her the many times at the Montague reunions. She was always a "big spender" at our White Elephant auctions. Mary Jane and she would even try to outbid each other for some little insignificant figurine! Then she would laugh when she won!! I spoke to her this past summer on the phone and she shared her health was not good. I'm so sorry there will not be a public service so we can attend but know our thoughts and prayers will be with your family. May God comfort your hearts in the loss of this precious woman! Sincerely, Dick and Ann (Montague) Tracy*

Roseann Tracy - October 02, 2023 at 11:39 PM



We enjoyed our time with you, thank you for the memories Roseann, You and your family are invited to come to the service at 11am tomorrow, hope to see you there.

Tina - October 03, 2023 at 12:59 PM