



Bonnie Lou Whittenberger

April 6, 1928 - September 11, 2020

Bonnie Lou Whittenberger, 92, formerly of Nappanee and the Beaver Dam community passed at 7:20 am, Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 at Paddock Springs of Warsaw, Indiana.

Bonnie was born on April 6, 1928 in Kosciusko County, Indiana to Robert O. and Mary (Miller) Jones. She married on June 22, 1947 at Millwood Chapel, Scott Township, Etna Green to Richard S. Whittenberger, who preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 1995. She lived most of her life in the Beaver Dam community and moved to Nappanee in 1993.

She was a graduate of Beaver Dam High School in 1947. Bonnie had been a homemaker, a farmer's wife, and an antique dealer at Amishland Antique Mall of Nappanee. She was a 66 year member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church where she was song leader since 15 years old and concluded in her 80's. She was a member of the United Methodist Women for many years. Bonnie also served as 4-H Leader of the Beaver Dam Club, Leader of Farm Bureau Women's Club, and a member of the County Chorus. She entertained many clubs and organizations with her programs about memories and hats.

She is survived by a daughter, Martha and husband Richard Coppes, Atwood; sons, Steve Whittenberger, Nappanee and Jon Whittenberger and Kim, Mentone; 3 grandchildren, Susan Coppes, Nicole Graber, and Scottie Whittenberger; 5 great grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren, Richard Jr. and Robert Coppes; and 6 step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Richard Whittenberger, and sisters, Ada Babcock and Rosalie Fisher.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 am, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020 at Beaver Dam United Methodist Church 9798 W. 1000 S. Akron, Indiana with Pastor Butch Troke officiating.

The interment will follow the service in the Stony Point Cemetery, Etna Green, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be 9:30 am to 11:00 am, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020 at Beaver Dam

United Methodist Church, Akron, Indiana.

Masks will be required for all in attendance for the services.

The services are entrusted to King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana.

Donations can be made in her memory to the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Stony Point Cemetery

7215 W 650 N
Etna Green, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beaver Dam Community Church
9798 W 1000 S
Akron, IN 46910

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Lou Whittenberger*



Hartzler Funeral Services - September 13, 2020 at 02:21 PM

DE

“ *Bonnie was a dear friend. She would come over for fried chicken and stop on the way home to give me things from her store. Loved Bonnie. See you in Heaven friend!*

Denise - August 27, 2023 at 03:28 PM

SO

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Steve, Martha and Jon. Your Mom was a great lady and will always be remembered fondly by my family! Visits to your farm when we were young were always a very happy occasion for us! Your Mom's hospitality and friendliness always made her a favorite cousin of ours. "Helping" Dick milk the cows was always an experience too. Our mother, Joy Golden Steager (1st cousin) was particularly fond of her and her sisters Ida and Rosalie! Bonnie was never at a loss for words and always would laugh out loud when something amused her! What a lifelong gift she had connecting with people. She will be greatly missed but very fondly remembered! Sandra Steager Odisho*

Sandra Odisho - September 16, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Whittenberger.*



September 16, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JW

“ I met Bonnie at Paddock Springs a little over a year ago, but she touched my heart with her stories of her family and life experiences. She was a joy to talk to! I will truly miss my talks with her.

Judy Weyand - September 14, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Whittenberger.



September 13, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ 86 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - September 13, 2020 at 02:20 PM

BF

Sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing but know she will be rejoicing with the King of Kong's. I have fond memories of Bonnie and so enjoyed visiting her when I could. I did think about her off and on here in Florida wondering how she was. Our prayers are with you all at this time. Beckie and Lyle

Beckie Faulkwe - September 13, 2020 at 03:02 PM

SC

Bonnie was like another sister to the Hanes girls. I always enjoyed the stories she told on them and her infectious laugh. My mom was just reminiscing on the phone with me about all the good times they had together. She would like to be there, but is unfortunatley in quarantine. Thinking of you. Susie Chamberlin and Julia Umbaugh

Susan Chamberlin - September 16, 2020 at 08:33 PM

RE

“ Praying for comfort you mourn. Dick and Bonnie were some of my parents dearest friends and we enjoyed many, many great times together on our farms. My brother and I learned how to start an old John Deere B tractor by spinning it over by hand at the Whittenberger's. I also logged some miles on a black pony. We enjoyed bottle feeding calves, cranking homemade ice cream and lots of laughs together. Bonnie had the biggest laugh of all. Thanking the Lord today for great memories of great friends. Rodney Eiler

Rodney Eiler - September 13, 2020 at 07:05 AM