



## Catherine J. Merley

January 1, 1927 - April 5, 2021

Catherine J. Merley, 94, of rural Akron, Indiana passed at 4:00 am, Monday, April 5, 2021 at her residence.

Catherine was born on Jan. 1, 1927 in Silver Lake, Indiana at her family home to the late John Isaac and Eva (Shilling) Sands. On May 4, 1947, she married C. William "Bill" Merley in Silver Lake. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 2011.

She was a 1945 graduate of Silver Lake High School and then attended Manchester College. She was a homemaker, helping on the family dairy and hog farm. Catherine enjoyed reading and learning about the Civil War. She took many trips and even sat through a hurricane in the Outer Banks. She was an avid college sport fan with her favorite teams being Indiana University basketball and Notre Dame football.

Catherine is survived by four sons, Bill Merley Jr., Indianapolis, John and wife Donita Merley, Akron, Mark and wife Sherry Merley, Akron, and Brent Merley, Akron and 5 Grandchildren; 9 Great Grandchildren; 1 Great Great Grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother Carl Sands as well as an infant brother.

The funeral service will be at 12:00 noon, Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Stan Owen and Pastor Luke Vasicek officiating.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be from 10 am to 12 noon, Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Donations can be made in memory of Catherine to the Fulton County Animal Adoption And Education Center 1540 N. Wentzel St. Rochester, IN 46975.

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
(574) 893-4423  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Catherine J. Merley



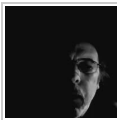
Hartzler Funeral Services - April 09, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine J. Merley



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 07, 2021 at 12:05 PM



Very nice tribute. Good looking bunch. Sorry for your loss. Lee Ege

Leland Ege - April 08, 2021 at 02:24 PM

BH

Bill we are sorry for your loss. She is resting in peace.

Bob and Diane Huntzman

Bob Huntzman - April 09, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 09, 2021 at 09:31 PM

BE

*Bill, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Please take care of yourself.*  
Beth Everett

Beth Everett - April 10, 2021 at 07:36 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 09, 2021 at 06:27 PM

MF

“ *McCarthy Family, Russell Family & Zimmer Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine J. Merley.*



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**McCarthy Family, Russell Family & Zimmer Family** - April 09, 2021 at 02:20 PM

JM

“ *Bill, so sorry to hear about your loss. We are praying for you and your family.*  
*Jack and Diane Milbrath*

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**jack milbrath** - April 08, 2021 at 03:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catherine J. Merley.*



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April 08, 2021 at 03:13 PM



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April 08, 2021 at 09:39 AM

TS

“ Prayers for peace and comfort to you and your family Bill. You all will be in our thoughts during this difficult time. Tom and the staff of Sproles Family Funeral Home.



Tom Sproles - April 07, 2021 at 08:23 PM

KH

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother.

*Everyone at Kaniewski Funeral Home, South Bend, Indiana.*

kaniewski funeral home - April 07, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 07, 2021 at 12:03 PM

GG

“ *Bill and the Merley family,  
My condolences to you on the loss of your mother.  
May God comfort you and give you peace during this time.  
Warmest Regards,  
Greg Guffin  
Funeral Director  
Carlisle Branson Funeral Service & Crematory, Mooresville, IN.*

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**Greg Guffin** - April 07, 2021 at 11:14 AM

RH


“ *"Bill",  
Our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family at the passing of your  
mother!*

*Rick, Mark and the staff of Colvin Funeral Homes*

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**Richard Hickrod** - April 07, 2021 at 11:13 AM

JA

“ *M condolences to all the family on the loss of your loved one. I  
didn't have the fortune to know her well, but just knew that she was  
a beautiful positive influence on her loved ones. Bless you all* 

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**JoEllen Alexander** - April 06, 2021 at 05:03 PM