



Mary Etta Basham

March 14, 1933 - December 11, 2020

Mary Etta Basham, 87, of Mishawaka, Indiana passed at 9:42 pm, Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at Signature HealthCare of Bremen, Indiana.

Mary Etta was born on March 14, 1933 in Fulton County, Indiana to the late Paul and Aletha May (Clinker) Cox. She was raised on the family farm near Akron, Indiana.

She was a graduate of Akron High School in 1951. She then married on May 18, 1952 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to Lawrence A. "Larry" Basham, who preceded her in death on March 17, 2015. She and her husband had owned and operated South Bend Pools and 3E Electric & Construction for many years.

Mary Etta was a lifetime member and past president of the National Home Builders Association. She was an avid Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan.

Mary Etta is survived by her daughter Cindy and husband Richard Osborn of Mishawaka, and grandsons Blaine Osborn of Seattle, Washington and Neil and wife Mackenzie Osborn of Bloomington, Ind.

Also surviving are sisters Helen Cox, Wabash; Pauline and husband Ron Meyer, N. Manchester; Willowdean and husband James Zolman, Columbia

City; Patsy and husband James Carpenter, Rochester; Jean Kerby, Greentown; and Jane and husband Wayne Spratt, Silver Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Larry Basham; and siblings Earl Cox, Milton Cox, Dale Cox, Floyd Cox, Genavee Snavelly, and Gail Grable.

With Covid-19 circumstances at the time of her passing, a Celebration of Mary Etta's life will now be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating.

Friends and family may gather from 12:30 pm to the time of the service at the funeral home.

Private burial took place at the time of her passing in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana next to her husband Larry.

Cemetery Details

Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL **31**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



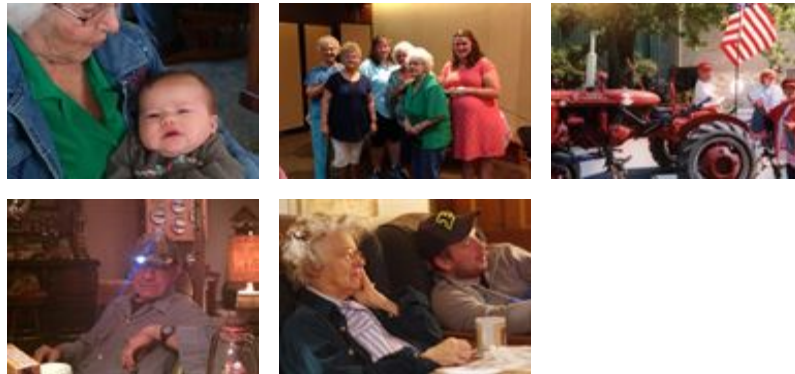
“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Etta Basham



Hartzler Funeral Services - July 28, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - July 28, 2021 at 08:24 PM

SK

“ And now as i can green beans and put up peaches I cant call you. But i know that you are checking to see if I do them right. And do not forget to make a sugar cream pie for Turkey day P,S forget the sweet potatoes Yuk!



sister Jean Kerby - July 23, 2021 at 07:04 PM

DW

“ *Cindy*
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I know you took wonderful care of your mom.
I always enjoyed spending time with your mom when she used to drive us around back in the day . We always laughed and had great times
Once this pandemic is finally past I would love to meet you and get caught up.
My e mail is Debbiescrafts@yahoo.com
Debbie BIDLACK Winey

Debbie Winey - December 23, 2020 at 11:38 AM

DW

“ *Dear Cindy, Richard and family,*
I wanted to extend my deepest sympathy on the passing of your mom. She was such a nice lady who always had a smile on her face and loved her family.I enjoyed the years I provided dental care to her.
Clint to all the memories you shared with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Dan White

Dan White - December 20, 2020 at 07:59 AM

BL

“ *I will miss her. Witty and funny personality. She was a very kind person. My grandmother Leota Cox Allen took care of Mary Etta when she was born . My grandmother was her Aunt and took care of a lot of the kids when they were first born.*

Becky langley - December 15, 2020 at 09:05 PM

WZ

“ *Willodean Zolman lit a candle in memory of Mary Etta Basham*



Willodean Zolman - December 15, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Mary Etta Basham*



Jim and Shirley Bickel - December 15, 2020 at 07:26 AM

JK

“ *Mary Etta Cox Basham. My older sister. She was a very strong sister, she was our leader my guide . As young as i was. I looked up to her. She was a good hearted, at times bossy, if course, she stood very strong for family as a sister . We talked many times of flowers, good food, which she always told me how to fix it. No matter how i liked it. We never liked sweet potatoes, she loved Christmas, always made sure we younger ones had some home made taffy, etc. We had fish fries, made home made ice cream had Halloween parties all at the farm. Buzzed wood together. She was always in charge. But thats what older sisters do i was told. Later years we talked on the phone almost everyday. Sure missed it. So happy that i took the time and traveled up there to see her. Rest easy my sister She did tell me one time that she would see mother before i would kind of joking! Well that she did. But i will also one day. The lord will take us when he is ready i would say. Miss you Sis. Love you always. As you use to say and call me Jeanie bug. And stop giggling or you will get into trouble. That i did in school.*

Jean kerby - December 14, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JJ

“ *Janice Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Etta Basham*



Janice Jones - December 14, 2020 at 01:55 PM