



Beatrice Neale

January 29, 1914 - February 7, 2009

Beatrice "Bea" E. (Kissel) Neale, 95 of Evansville, passed away Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Deaconess Hospice Center.

Bea was born January 29, 1914 in Evansville, the daughter of the late Nicholas and Louise (Brenner) Kissel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Edward Neale in 1977 and her sister, Luella (Kissel) Neale in 1961.

She was a longtime member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, where she had been a member of the Altar Society.

After graduating in 1930 from St. Boniface High School, Bea worked in the appliance sales office at Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company in downtown Evansville.

In her early years, she played the saxophone at school functions and in a local dance band that included her father.

Mrs. Neale was an excellent cook. Some of her specialty dishes were baked corn pudding and her famous potato salad. In addition to preparing delicious family meals, she also enjoyed canning and baking.

Bea was known for her mouth-watering cakes, which she carefully decorated for all occasions. She custom designed beautiful artwork for numerous special order cakes.

Her hobbies included flower arranging and growing a variety of house plants.

Mrs. Neale was a sweet and caring person and made many sacrifices while raising her children. Her deep faith in God gave her strength throughout her lifetime.

Survivors include her nine children, sons, Ronald E. Neale and wife, Mary, of St. Philip, IN, Robert L. Neale and wife, Kay, of Fenton, MO, Daniel D. Neale, James L. Neale and Larry A. Neale, all of Evansville; daughters, Mary Lue (Neale) Russler and husband, Robert, Elizabeth J. "Betty" (Neale) Plump and husband, Richard, Rosie Neale, all of Evansville and Nancy Neale of Mt. Vernon, IN.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, Chris (Neale) Nelson of Evansville, Mike Neale and wife, Dale, Cindy (Neale) Wolfe and husband, Freddie, all of St. Philip, IN, David Neale and wife, Keiko of Tokyo, Japan, Stephen Neale and wife, Betty, Scott Neale and wife, Kerry, all of St. Louis, MO, Karen (Plump) Huff and husband, Bryan, Kathy (Plump) Osborne and husband, David, all of Mt. Vernon, IN, Bryan Neale and wife, Jen, of Indianapolis, Brad Neale and wife, Brandi, of Westfield, IN, Tami (Neale) Vernon and husband, Jason, of Fishers, IN, Jonathan Neale and wife, Erin, of Blue Ash, OH, Mickal (Neale) Ferguson, Chad Neale, Adam Neale, Zachary Neale and Allison Neale, all of Evansville.

Also surviving are niece Teresa A. (Neale) Buedel and husband, Donald, of Evansville and nephew, Walter D. Neale, Jr. and wife, Laura of Oakton, VA

and special friends, Nancy Barnett and Diana McCalla.

Mrs. Neale is also survived by 17 great grandchildren, two step great grandchildren and several great nieces and nephews.

The mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, February 12, 2009 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Kenneth Herr officiating, assisted by Deacon Richard Preske. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where a memorial service will be held at 6:00 P.M., led by Deacon Richard Preske.

In memory of Bea, contributions may be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Avenue, Evansville, IN 47712 or to Deaconess Hospice Care Center, 600 Mary Street, Evansville, IN 47747.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

FEB 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 N, Wabash Avenue
Evansville, IN

Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 N, Wabash Avenue
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Beatrice Neale*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Hoo, Doofold, Gik-gok, Wooshie, "You Are My Sunshine," Das-a-dollar, Hoot'n-annie, Flitters, Mush, Hinkle-bearity, "You shouldn't have done it!," Milk soup, "Bee." Say any of these words or phrases to the children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of Beatrice Neale, and immediately a smile and happy memories will rush back into our minds. Mom-Bea was the editor and keeper of the "Neale Dictionary," which held special meanings ranging from childhood interpretations, to Neale phrases from many memorable occasions. She made our family unique. Motherhood was her life. Her strength and fortitude were unbelievable. Her talents were many and admirable. Her faith and trust in God were unending. She was by far the most unselfish person I have ever known. Now that she's been called into Eternal Life, we can honor her by passing to the next generation the uniqueness of her heart and soul, her great Faith, and the example of her goodness. Thank you, Mom-Bea, for being our Mother. We will always love you!###imported-begin###Betty Jo and Rich###imported-end###*

February 26, 2009 at 11:42 AM



“ *The family of Beatrice "Bea" E. Neale thanks those who came to visitation on Wednesday, February 11 and/or who attended her Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, February 12, 2009. Our special thanks go to the pastors, deacons and the music staff of St. Boniface Catholic Church and Holy Trinity Catholic Church. We also thank everyone for their prayers, cards, home and hospital visits, notes of encouragement, phone calls, flowers, gifts, food, and memorial contributions. We gratefully thank the nurses, techs, chaplains, housekeepers, and other staff of Deaconess Hospital, Unit 4500, and Deaconess Hospice Care Center for their compassionate, loving care and help they gave Bea and her family members.*

We loved our beautiful and sweet Mother very much. Mom Bea gave up a lot for us, sacrificing throughout her years. Her deep faith in God gave her strength and sustained her during her lifetime. In the days before her death, she was extremely courageous. Even in death she was beautiful!

God blessed us with a very talented, hardworking, and caring Mother. And now He took her back to be with Him in Eternal Life. Thank you for all the many wonderful years, Mamma. We pray that all of us will keep the Faith and become even closer to God so that when we are called Home, we will be with Him and with you and our other departed family and friends once again.

God bless you Mamma, and God bless the many folks who helped you on the earth.

From the family of Beatrice E. Neale

by Mary Lue Russler, February 19, 2009

P.S. The family sends a very special thanks to Jim Pierre and his family and all the staff of Pierre Funeral Home.##imported-begin##Mary Lue Russler##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 08:15 AM



“ I had a tooth extracted today. Over this past weekend the pain from this tooth was horrible. I kept thinking of Bea and how she suffered pain most of her life, from having babies to her long history of medical conditions. I got through my pain easier thinking of Bea. So Bea, even after your life here on earth has ended you still continue to touch people in an extraordinary way. I pray that I will continue to be as courageous as you in accepting my little and big pains that life sends my way.##imported-begin##Nancy - Daughter##imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 07:15 PM



“ I recently learned of this from another family member: "The bee is more honored than other animal (insect), not because she labors, but because she labors for others." (St. John Chrysostom) Does this describe someone we know? ... For a little Mom with a great big heart, happy Valentines Day Bea. The oldest ... Ron##imported-begin##Ron##imported-end##

February 14, 2009 at 05:21 PM



“ Our prayers are with all the family.##imported-begin##Carole Beeler, DAR##imported-end##

February 11, 2009 at 06:05 PM



“ My prayers will be not only for Beatrice, but for Larry and all the Neale family.##imported-begin##Carolyn Smith##imported-end##

February 11, 2009 at 01:10 PM



“ *"Beatrice", she was to me, and then a smile would come upon her face! I will miss Beatrice dearly. So many good years of memories I cherish--our talks over coffee along with her macaroon Christmas cookies, and then on a cold winter day I would come over and she would had made her delicious cream puffs--she even filled a request for me--chocolate filled cream puffs--Yummy! Beatrice had a heart of gold--always giving and not expecting anything in return. It's heavens gain--
WHAT A FRIEND!
Nancy "B"###imported-begin##Nancy###imported-end##*

February 11, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ *'Bee', My Mother, my friend, my mentor was the most humble person I knew. Her unselfishness was just one of the many blessings she received from God. She used this gift in raising her nine children. I was the last one to leave the nest. She gave me my freedom with no selfishness on her part. I know this was very difficult for her to do, but thats the kind of Mother she was. I am proud to be her daughter and am looking forward to be re-united with her in heaven. Her 'prettiest' daughter, Rosie###imported-begin##Rosie###imported-end##*

February 10, 2009 at 12:51 PM



“ *Bea was my precious and loving mother-in-law from 1980-1997 and my dear friend thereafter. Bea always made me feel loved and appreciated. I enjoyed talking to her and visiting with her. I enjoyed listening to her stories of years past when her 9 children were growing up. It was fun to look at the pictures of the cakes she had decorated and to hear her stories of playing the sax. She loved her family and proudly displayed so many beautiful pictures of her children and grandchildren. I am a better person because I was able to be a part of Bea's family. I will miss her. My deepest sympathy to all of the Neale family - children and grandchildren. Love,
Debi*###imported-begin##Debi Neale###imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 11:32 AM