



Bertha Jane Burgdorf

September 30, 1932 - May 9, 2026

Bertha Jane “Bert” Burgdorf, 93, of Evansville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the Linda W. White Hospice House surrounded by her loving family.

Bert was born on September 30, 1932, in Yankeetown, Indiana to the late Guy Quentin, Sr. and Frances H. (Taylor) Cornell. She had worked in the payroll departments of Bernardin Bottle Cap, Dataco, and Lohnman Drilling Company before going to work as a bank teller and retiring from National City Bank. She was generous volunteering her time for the USI Varsity Club, USI Foundation, and USI Intramural Sports, as well as with St. Paul’s UCC and the VA Clinic in Evansville. Bert spent many, many hours continuing and expanding upon her mother’s work in genealogy at Willard Library. She was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and also in bowling leagues at Franklin Lanes.

Bert is survived by her daughter, Shirley Burgdorf; two sons, Gary (Carol) Burgdorf and David Burgdorf; two grandchildren, Ashley (Stacy) Burgdorf-Bernaugh and Adam Burgdorf and a great grandson, Demetrius Bernaugh.

In addition to her parents, Bert was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Jack Burgdorf; by three sisters, Juanita Cornell, June Will, and Mary Held and by four brothers, Guy Q. Cornell, Jr, William Cornell, Roger Cornell,

and Marion Cornell.

Funeral services for Bert will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. J.D. Rose officiating. Burial will take place in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 PM until service time on Monday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Bert's Visiting Angel, Emily Kern, and to the staff of West River Legacy Care and the Linda E. White Hospice House for all of their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Willard Library Genealogy Department, 21 N. First Ave, Evansville, IN 47710 or to the University of Southern Indiana Foundation, Burgdorf Fund, 8600 University Blvd, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bertha Jane Burgdorf*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 18 at 06:26 PM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertha Jane Burgdorf*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 14 at 06:08 PM



“ *I am so very sorry we were unable to make it to the funeral. I have so many wonderful memories I will cherish in my heart.*



Janet White - May 19 at 08:45 PM

JW

“ Janet White lit a candle in memory of Bertha Jane Burgdorf



Janet White - May 19 at 08:42 PM

RS

“ We grew up together in Yankeetown, later enjoying following the USI basketball team, "Bertha Jane" was a long dear friend and I will her

Roberta (Schmidt") Schweizer - May 18 at 08:17 PM

IM

“ What a nice and friendly lady Bertha was! Any time we were at a funeral or family function, Bertha always came up to me with a smile and we would have a great conversation. Her smiling face and friendly personality will be missed. So sorry for your loss Gary, Carol and family. Irene Muensterman

irene muensterman - May 18 at 05:42 PM

GH

“ We are sorry we can't come to the funeral. We have many good memories of Aunt Bird and are so sorry for your loss.

gene held - May 17 at 09:52 AM

DL

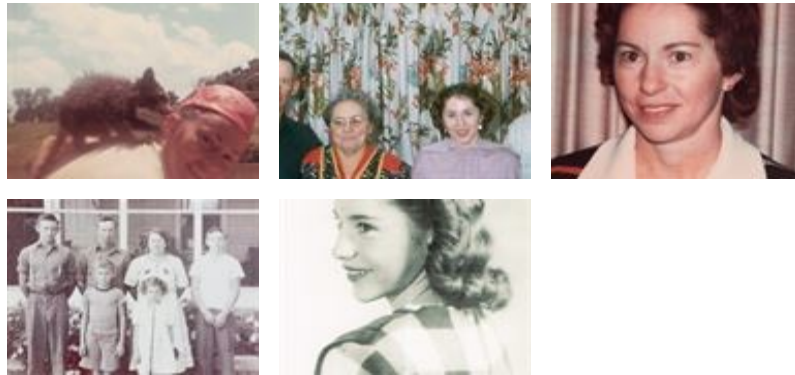
“ Desiree Murphy and Destinee Loyd purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bertha Jane Burgdorf.



Desiree Murphy and Destinee Loyd - May 17 at 09:37 AM



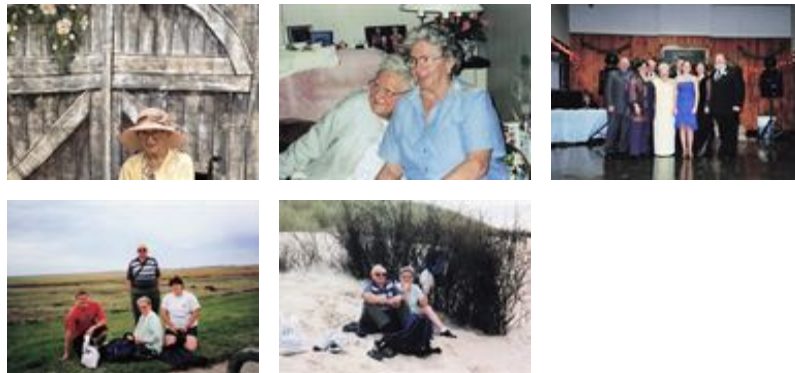
“ 5 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - May 15 at 10:59 AM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pierre Funeral Home - May 14 at 06:05 PM

AB

“ Carolyn

Avila Brenner - May 13 at 09:12 PM

ML

“ I remember when I was a lot younger I was riding Cricket (little Guy's pony) and Bird drove up in her Renault and I told Cricket to step on the bug (the car) and she did. When she took her hoof off, it made a huge scratch on the hood. Boy did I figure I was in trouble. The only problem was Bird trying to convince the insurance company that a pony stepped on her car.

Melody (Held) Longacre - May 13 at 12:26 PM

TP

“ Extending thoughts and prayers to Gary and his entire family at this difficult time.

Thomas N Pressley - May 12 at 06:21 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Bertha Jane Burgdorf.



May 12 at 04:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bertha Jane Burgdorf.



May 12 at 02:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bertha Jane Burgdorf.

May 12 at 02:19 PM



“ Loved working with Bertha so many years ago at National City Bank

Rose Feldhaus - May 12 at 02:09 PM