



## Betty Jo Elbrink

January 19, 1928 - September 9, 2015

Betty Jo (Niemeier) Elbrink, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, passed from this life to her reward in Heaven on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at Deaconess Hospital from an apparent heart attack.

Betty was born January 19, 1928, married the love of her life, Frank M. Elbrink on March 28, 1945 and together they enjoyed and dedicated their lives to their eight children. Through those years they not only vacationed at their home on Kentucky Lake, they taught invaluable life lessons through their love of fishing, boating, swimming, telling and retelling and making of life's memories around nightly campfires. Betty and Frank enjoyed their retirement years by sharing winters in Ft. Myers Beach, FL with their children, grandchildren and longtime friends. They also spend those years developing many new lifelong friends. To this day their legacy lives on through their children and their families spending a grand reunion week together at Moors Resort on Kentucky Lake. Those numbers of children, spouses and grandchildren have now grown to more than 40 at their gatherings. Their most enjoyable parts of that reunion are the circle of love and trust where they pray before each meal and their telling (and embellishing) of the stories around their nightly campfires.

Betty was an accomplished seamstress and as a young mother relished in making shirts, suits, ruffling dresses and later even prom and wedding dresses for her children and grandchildren. She didn't stop there. She

decorated her children's homes with gorgeous drapes of their choosing and if there wasn't a pattern – no problem – she just made up her own. Her love of sewing gave her innumerable hours of pleasure and accomplishment in her retirement years through her love of quilt making. One special Christmas she surprised her children with Christmas quilts of different designs that she had spent the entire year making. Her grandchildren looked forward to their “wedding” quilt they knew was on the way. Her dedication to St. Boniface Church was a part of that love of quilting and she spent many hours with her quilter friends, laughing and loving what they so masterfully made together.

Betty and Frank's years of service to the Church they so dearly loved included caring for many of the priests by sharing their vacation spots. They were founding members of Corpus Christi Church, dedicated a portion of their lives to St. James Church and retired worshiping at St. Boniface Church.

Betty is survived by children and grandchildren she so dearly loved; son, Steve (Kathy) Elbrink and grandchildren, Katie (Logan, Will, Drew) and Bryan (Lyndsey) Lilly, Aiden, Madeline; daughter, Marilyn Elbrink and grandchildren, Stephanie (Aaron), Michelle (James); her children, Tyler (Abby), Travis; Kari (John); their children, Madison, Jordan and Cody; daughter, Teryl Sue Unfried (David); their children, Christy (John), Hailey, Michael; Tony (Angela), children, Anthony, Andrew, Thomas (Lisa), Timothy (Kristie); their son, Talon and Jack (Ronnie); daughter, Jennifer Robinson (Bill); grandchildren, Shelley (Shawn), Brayton, Garrett, Connor, Billy (Mel) Will, Teresa (Eric) Bailey, Jackson, Natalie, Charlie; daughter, Sharon Tackett (Terry); granddaughter, Melissa (Brian) Dylan and Colton.

The family would appreciate your holding in special prayer our sister, Teryl Sue, her husband David and their son, Thomas who are unable to return from Australia at this time, but are with us in heart and spirit.

In addition to her husband of 49 years, Francis M. "Frank" Elbrink; Betty was preceded in death by sons, Richard "Dick", Robert Eugene "Bob", and Dr. Larry Elbrink. She will be terribly missed by all their children and grandchildren. Son Bob, grandchildren, Todd (Chanthan) Mya, Tyler, Bella; Laura (Mark) Meagan (Ben) Lucy, Lincoln, Conner, Kate; son, Dick (Carol) Carla, Theresa, Rick, Kevin, Frank and Larry's wife, Donna.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Simon Natha officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 A.M. until service time on Saturday at St. Boniface Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riding Hope, c/o 3311 David Drive, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620 or to the Hadi Shriner Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **11**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

SEP **12**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## funeral

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jo Elbrink*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Michelle, I just wanted you to know that I'm sharing in your grief at the loss of your grandmother. I know what she meant to you and that you will miss her very much.  
I will pray for all of you. I am thinking of you.*

*Grandma Pfister*

**Alice Pfister** - September 13, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ *Marilyn and family--  
Our sincere sympathy to you upon your mother's passing to her Heavenly reward.  
We will always remember your fun-loving family coming to the marina for ice cream and meals during your reunions !!*

**Bob and Linda (Waterman) Huebschman** - September 11, 2015 at 10:13 PM



“ *SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. UNABLE TO COME TO VISITATION. LOSS MY MOTHER 3 MONTHS AGO. PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY  
CARLA DAVALT*

**CARLA DAVALT** - September 11, 2015 at 02:54 PM

KW

“Marilyn, you and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. God Be With You.

*Kurt*

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**Kurt Walker** - September 11, 2015 at 02:34 PM

Jl

“So shocked to hear of Betty's passing, such a talented, sweet lady. My sympathies to all of her family.

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**Joan Inkenbrandt** - September 11, 2015 at 02:33 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Elbrink.



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September 11, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Elbrink.



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September 11, 2015 at 11:49 AM

LC

“ Marilyn, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this time of loss of your beloved Mother. Love and prayers in Christ, Chaplain "Linda" Cirillo, St Mary's Medical Center, Evansville.

Linda Cirillo - September 11, 2015 at 09:53 AM

FH

“ To the family of Betty Elbrink,  
My prayers are with you.  
Fr. Kenny Herr

F r. Kenny Herr - September 11, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Elbrink.



September 11, 2015 at 08:13 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all at this time.

Laura & Mark we are here for you if you need anything.

Deepest sympathy

Gina (Cheaney (Richardville, Kruse family)) Wade & Kennedy Flake



Gina Flake - September 10, 2015 at 09:12 PM

CM

“ *Can, Lan, and Minh purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Betty Jo Elbrink.*



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**Can, Lan, and Minh** - September 10, 2015 at 07:44 PM

PM

“ *To all of Betty's family  
We share with our family to this day all the fun we had with your Mom & a Dad, Fr O'Connor at your vacation home at the lake. Those memories will forever be in our hearts. What a fun family to be with! Thanks for all those fun times at the lake!  
Patty & Paul Maurer Family*

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**Patty Maurer** - September 10, 2015 at 07:41 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Elbrink*



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**Becky** - September 10, 2015 at 06:18 PM