



Bonita L. Wannemuehler

October 7, 1939 - July 20, 2025

Bonita L. “Bonnie” (Kissel) Wannemuehler, 85, of Mt. Vernon, passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2025, with her family by her side.

Bonnie was born on October 7, 1939, in Evansville to the late Elmer and Pauline (Ralph) Kissel.

Bonnie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was the matriarch of her family, making sure traditions and time spent with family always continued. Bonnie and her husband Jim shared 65 years of marriage. Together, they built their brick house by hand – a labor of love that became the heart of many family gatherings, soup cooks and celebrations.

Surviving Bonnie are her husband Jim and their five children, Keith Wannemuehler, Paula Parkinson, Dennis Wannemuehler, Donna (Mike) Folz and Maria (Jim) Berry; siblings, Sr. Jackie Kissel, Fr. Tony Kissel, Judy Kissel, Debbie (Rick) Neufelder and Tim Kissel; along with eighteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren, who filled Bonnie’s home with love.

Bonnie was a faithful member of St. Philip Catholic Church for over 60 years. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. For many years, she passed on her love and devotion to the Virgin Mary to school aged kids through the Junior Legion of Mary. She herself was an active member of the Legion of Mary for

many years and distributed the Holy Eucharist to homebound individuals and nursing home residents.

In addition to her parents, Bonnie was preceded in death by a brother, David Kissel and by a son-in-law, Gerald "Bud" Parkinson.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at St. Philip Catholic Church, Rev. Ryan Hilderbrand and Rev. Tony Kissel officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Philip Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:00 AM until service time on Thursday at St. Philip Catholic Church, 3500 St. Philip Road, S, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Benedict at the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana or to St. Philip Catholic Church.

The family would like to thank the staff of Deaconess Hospice for their compassionate care. They would also like to thank the parishioners of St. Philip Catholic Church for their visits, prayers, and concern.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Philip Church Cemetery

3500 S. St. Philip Road
Mt. Vernon, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonita L. Wannemuehler*



Pierre Funeral Home - July 22, 2025 at 06:27 PM

AM

“ *Jim and family, So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing our condolences to you all. Its been years but I still remember the times we spent at your house when everybody got together! I am sorry we did not hear about this in time to come to the funeral, but know we will keep you in our prayers.*

Aaron and Gina Muller

Aaron Muller - July 29, 2025 at 08:07 PM

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“ *From your IFPA family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonita L. Wannemuehler.*

From your IFPA family - July 23, 2025 at 11:20 AM

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“ From your IFPA family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bonita L. Wannemuehler.



From your IFPA family - July 23, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bonita L. Wannemuehler.



July 23, 2025 at 08:02 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonita L. Wannemuehler.



July 22, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ 108 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - July 22, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ 78 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - July 22, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Bonnie was an inspiration and an example of a faith filled life. Her dedication to The Legion of Mary served so many people over many years. What a beautiful legacy she leaves not only her family but friends as well †

Debbie Bartlett - July 21, 2025 at 10:35 PM

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“ Dear Wannemuehler family,

On behalf of everyone at TMI Fabricators, we extend our sincere condolences on the passing of Bonnie.

We had the privilege of working alongside Mitch for many years, and we know how deeply he valued family. Please know that our thoughts are with you all during this time of loss. May you find peace and comfort in the love you shared and the many cherished memories that remain.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
TMI Fabricators*

TMI Fabricators - July 21, 2025 at 04:58 PM