



Catherine E. Tenbarga

February 13, 1928 - May 10, 2025

Catherine E. Tenbarga, 97, of Evansville, passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Solarbron.

Catherine was born on February 13, 1928, in Posey County, Indiana to the late Aloys and Anna (Schenk) Wargel. She was a homemaker and had also worked at Franklin Drug Store and The Donut Bank for many years. She was a devoted and faithful member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, where she volunteered serving bereavement dinners. She enjoyed quilting and made many quilts for the parish, as well as a quilt for each of her grandchildren.

Surviving Catherine are four sons, Gerald “Jerry” Tenbarga, Rick (Genny) Tenbarga, Alan (Kathryn) Tenbarga and Dan Tenbarga; ten grandchildren, Karen (Matt) Bippus, Andy (Bonnie) Tenbarga, Adam (Celia) Tenbarga, Lynn (Travis) Lamkin, Chris Tenbarga, Eric Tenbarga, Laura (Todd) Lafferty, Megan (Mike Osredkar) Tenbarga, Emily Tenbarga and Joe (Caitlin) Tenbarga; Emily and Joe’s mother, Carla Tenbarga; two sisters-in-law, Mary Helen Wargel and Susan Wargel; twenty-five great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Catherine was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Melvin F. Tenbarga in 2010; by a daughter-in-law, Gwen Tenbarga; sisters, Marie Wargel and Esther Seibert and brothers, John, Joseph, Alphonse, Lawrence, Aloysius “Boots”, Sylvester “Syl” Wargel.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Lowell Will officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 9:00 until the time of the Mass on Thursday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Ave, Evansville, IN 47712.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Fr. Deydier House of Discernment, 2701 W. Franklin Street, Evansville, IN 47712 or to St. Boniface Parish, 1600 Glendale Ave, Evansville, IN 47712.

The Tenbarga family extends a special thank you to Catherine's friends at Solarbron, the Solarbron staff and Dr. Robert Rusche for their kind and compassionate care.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ Dan, we are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was such a sweet person. I am just seeing her obit. I know how much you regretted this day coming when I would run into you and we would talk about my mom (Catherine's friend) passing away, and you still had your mother, but was not doing very well. Now they can see each other again and get caught up on everything from the Westside, only up in heaven! Take care and thinking about you! Brenda (Tenhumberg) and Randy Plump. From the rest of the Tenhumberg Family as well!

Brenda Plump - May 29, 2025 at 08:26 PM

BH

“ Catherine was one of the first people my mom and our family met when she moved to Solarbron. We always looked forward to seeing her in the dining room, communion service, bingo and any other function Solarbron sponsored. She always had a smile for us. We will miss seeing her and her boys. She was a sweetheart. I am so sorry for your loss.



Brenda Hosick - May 14, 2025 at 09:40 PM

VM

“ MY SIMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO HER FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF CATHERINE. VERNON MARX - MARY HELEN WARGELS BROTHER

VERNON MARX - May 14, 2025 at 03:14 PM

LT

“ Always enjoyed seeing and talking to Aunt Catherine....always with a smile and a big hug! Could always see how much she loved Uncle Mel! What a wonderful generation of Tenbarges it was! Prayers for her family!

Larry & Kathy Tenbarge

Larry Tenbarge - May 13, 2025 at 07:19 PM

PR

“ Catherine and I became such great friends in such short period of time at solarbron. Catherine was my favorite person and she put an impact on my life that I'll never forget. We were best friends. There's nothing I wouldn't do for her and my heart has ached since she left, I'm crushed it just doesn't seem real. Her smile was infectious, she put an impact everyone she met and will be missed. I'm my love condolences to such a great family, as every one of you will truly be missed myself, and the Solarbron crew. 😞

Patricia Russell - May 13, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine E. Tenbarge.



May 13, 2025 at 01:47 PM

LS

“ I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to Catherine's family. I remember her from times we got together at Aunt Malinda's. Sister Laura Marie Schmitt

Laura Marie Schmitt - May 13, 2025 at 11:31 AM

BD

“ *TenBarge Family,*

I got to know your mom out at Solarbron when mom went out there. She always had a smile on her face and welcomed mom and the rest of us kids whenever we saw her. Bingo was a favorite time of mine to see her. My prayers are with all of you.

Becky (Kirchoff) Doshier

Becky Doshier - May 12, 2025 at 06:38 PM



LS

“ *Mrs. Tenbarge and I seemed to have a common bond where if we hadn't seen each other for a couple of years, we just took up where we left off the last time. Wish I could have visited with her to tell her I was moving and say "so long." My sympathies to all the family though she is at her heavenly rest now.*

Lisa Schuttler - May 12, 2025 at 04:12 PM



AH

“ *Jerry, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. You've had a rough year. Prayers for your comfort and peace.*

Annie Hudson - May 12, 2025 at 12:22 PM

DS

“ You're in my thoughts and prayers. Darren Sroufe



Darren Sroufe - May 12, 2025 at 12:07 PM

JW

“ Rick sorry for loss you will sees your mom one day knowing is in a better place jim weightman midrider130784@gmail.com

jim weightman - May 12, 2025 at 11:29 AM

LK

“ Tenbarge family,
So sorry about the death of Catherine. She was such a good friend to my mom and always had a smile and hug for me.. may she be surrounded with the Lord's peace and Love.
Sincerely
Linda (Paul) Koressel

linda koressel - May 11, 2025 at 10:04 PM

NN

Tenbarge family,
My your memories bring you more laughs than tears. May you feel the love of Christ as you say goodbye. Thank you for allowing me to bring Eucharist to Catherine and pray with her. She was a blessing to me and my family. Love in Christ, Nancy, Kevin, and Bridget Nelson

Nancy Nelson - May 15, 2025 at 12:19 AM