



Cornelia Bitz Baumgart

June 2, 1915 - January 21, 2010

Cornelia Baumgart, 94, passed away on January 20, 2010, at the Heritage Center in Evansville. An active member of Sacred Heart parish for many years, Cornelia was a member of the first graduating class at Sacred Heart Elementary School. She and fellow classmate, Sylvester Baumgart, now deceased, would later marry.

Cornelia was an athlete at heart. In her youth, she played basketball at Memorial High School and in an industrial league while working at Fendrich Cigar Company. Baseball was also an interest, and her position at centerfield in the summers earned her an offer to play in the Women's Baseball League. Her mother, however, had other ideas, and she declined always to wonder, "What if..." In later years, she could be found watching sports on TV and rooting for her favorite team – Notre Dame.

Besides Fendrich Cigar Company, Cornelia also worked at Helen's Restaurant on St. Joseph's Avenue for fourteen years, eventually being allowed to make Helen's own signature recipe for cream pies.

Family and friends have always been close to Cornelia's heart. An outspoken, honest and strongly determined individual, her caring spirit, loyal nature, and undying devotion, especially for her beloved husband, left an indelible mark on those touched by her.

Cornelia is survived by her son Stephen Baumgart of Reston, Virginia, daughter Mary Kay and son-in-law Robert Sayle of Hillsborough, California; four grandchildren, Michael Baumgart, Maggie Mumma, Paige Bellenbaum, and Robert (Tre) Sayle; three great grandchildren, Alex Mumma and Max and Ella Bellenbaum; brothers Paul and Dan Bitz; and devoted nephew William Fligeltaub, as well as other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 A.M. Monday at Pierre Funeral Home continuing at 11:00 A.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Rev. Kenneth Herr officiating. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 5:00 P.M. Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street where a memorial service will be held at 3:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2701 W. Franklin Street or the non-profit Smile Train at 41 Madison Ave., 28th Floor, New York, NY 10010 or www.smiletrain.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

JAN 25. 10:30 AM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2701 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Cornelia Bitz Baumgart*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dear Steve and Mary Kay,
My sincere condolences to you both on the passing of your mother.
She was a great lady and a fantastic cook. I will always remember
her.##imported-begin##debebitz##imported-end##*

January 25, 2010 at 02:55 PM



“ *Love you Grandma : I am taking comfort that you are with Him: "For
by Faith you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your
own doing, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8)*

*Praying that through this grief, comfort will be received.##imported-
begin##Maggie Mumma##imported-end##*

January 23, 2010 at 09:26 PM



“ *SO sorry we couldn't be with you during your time of grief, but our
thought and prayers are. LOVE JIM & PAT##imported-begin##Jim &
Pat Heitzman##imported-end##*

January 23, 2010 at 03:47 PM



“ Steve---Knew your Mother well, primarily thru her long friendship with my Mother, Katherine. Our boys called the group "the Cricket Ladies" and spent time with Dorothy, Betty and "Cornile" at Mothers 90th birthday in "02"

Mother died 11/20/09, so the group is getting quite small.

She always asked me how fishing was, and often said she would come to Michigan to catch Salmon with me.

She, and your family are in our prayers.

Jim Miller##imported-begin##Jim Miller/Jynelle (Emge)
Miller##imported-end##

January 23, 2010 at 10:48 AM



“ Your loved one has left behind a thousand moments that will live in your heart forever... Please know, at this difficult time, that you are in so many thoughts and prayers. Remember, God will take care of you and will give you rainbows after the storms. May you always be in harmony with the beauty and wonders of Gods world, and may His peace surround you at this difficult time. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5##imported-begin##Magallon Family##imported-end##

January 22, 2010 at 06:10 PM