



Dolores R. Welte

February 24, 1925 - October 3, 2018

Dolores Rose Hillenbrand Welte, 93, of Evansville, was born February 24, 1925, in Evansville to the late Henry and Anna (Ziliak) Hillenbrand. She departed this life on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at the Heritage Center.

Dolores was raised near St. Joseph Catholic Church in the county, attending elementary school there. As a young woman, she worked for the historic Hoosier Cardinal, one of the first injection molding companies in the United States. She married the love of her life, Ralph Joseph Welte, on October 26, 1944. He preceded her in death on June 27, 2005. She was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and a former member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Daylight. Her life revolved around church and family; she was a member of St. Anne Altar Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Holy Redeemer Steeple Society. She was also a member of Darmstadt Retirees.

Dolores was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Nothing brought her greater joy than being with her family and sharing the joys of being a mother and grandmother with others. She was an excellent pianist and enjoyed music, dancing, and playing clabber. She was a wonderful cook and provided for her family by gardening and food preservation. Dolores loved living and being on a farm, and she and her husband Ralph worked side by side to raise animals and produce crops; she even ran her own egg route,

delivering fresh eggs to “people in town.” She taught her children to pray and made quilts for every grandchild and great grandchild.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 60 years; sister, Lillian; brothers, John, George, and Leo; granddaughters Jamie Blankenberger and Jennifer (Heuring) Combs; and great grandson Stephen Mitchell Combs.

She is survived by her son, James (Jeanne) Welte of Evansville, daughters Mary (Wes) Heuring of Boonville, Judy (Steve) Blankenberger of Evansville, and Rita (Keith) Fox and Karen (Don) Gore, both of Newburgh; 12 Grandchildren, Holly (Trent) Martin, Kevin (Karla) Welte, Chris (Tracey) Welte, Carol (Keith) Mesker, Mike (Tami) Heuring, Renae (Scott) Schneider, Michelle (Dr. Charles) Wakefield, Brian (Melissa) Fox, Amy (Kevin) Lichterman, Jason (Brooke) Fox, Sarah (Matthew) Lee and Ellen (Cody) Thacker and 35 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters-in-law Doris Welte and Margaret Welte and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Rev. Jason Gries officiating. Burial will follow in St. John the Evangelist Church Cemetery in Daylight.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:30 PM on Monday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and on Tuesday from 9:30 AM until service time at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 918 W. Mill Road, Evansville, IN 47710 or to the Jamie M. Blankenberger Endowment Fund, 4200 N. Kentucky Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Evangelist Church Cemetery

St. John Road
Elberfeld, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

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OCT 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
918 West Mill Road
Evansville, IN

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dolores R. Welte*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *To Judy and family —*

Our sincere sympathy to you upon the passing of your mom.

I recognized the name immediately.

Even though it was many decades ago that we were freshmen at U of E, I have kept track of you through my friends (Kathy Greene and Donna Scheller) and through MD Alumni publication.

I am sorry that I was unable to attend visitation, my mother (92) and my aunt (97) keep me busy when I am in Evansville.

I can gather from the tributes and obituary that your mom was a happy servant to family, friends and to God. May she now rest in the loving arms of our Savior eternally after her long and faith-filled life on this Earth.

*Linda (Waterman) Huebschman and Bob Huebschman
Eddyville Kentucky*

linda huebschman - October 09, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores R. Welte.*



October 08, 2018 at 11:54 AM

SD

“ Sean and Joyce Wray, plus the DAW dolls purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dolores R. Welte.



Sean and Joyce Wray, plus the DAW dolls - October 08, 2018
at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dolores R. Welte.



October 07, 2018 at 05:45 PM

EK

“ Judo and family,
I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I am sorry to say that I can't be part of the celebration of her life, as I am out of town. I'll be keeping you all in my prayers.

Elvira Knapp - October 07, 2018 at 12:50 PM

GS

“ Judy and family,
Our sympathy and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your mom. Take comfort that she is now celebrating eternity for a long life of Christian faith and values.

*Steve and SHIRLEY Gubler
Port Charlotte, Fl*

Gubler Stephen - October 07, 2018 at 06:44 AM



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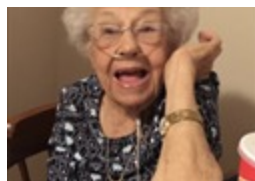
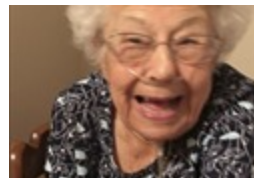


October 05, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ She was a beautiful friend and I will always cherish the times I spent with Dolores. I want to thank her family for accepting me and allowing me to visit her. I can never explain how much it meant to me, she was truly a treasure, I just wish I would have met her sooner. In the 3 1/2-4 years George and I knew her, she was so full of life and we had many fun times and laughs. I will always think of her and smile. She was there when we found out about our 17 year old nephews sickness and 8 months later his death. She will be missed, but definitely never forgotten.

To her family- I am really sorry that George and I will not be able to make it down to Indiana in time for her services . Just know we are thinking of you all. Prayers!!



Tammy and George Sabin - October 05, 2018 at 07:09 PM

RF

Thank you, Tammy! You were a true blessing to mom and our family. She enjoyed your visits so much. We appreciate your kind words.

Rita J Fox - October 05, 2018 at 07:31 PM

KG

Tammy, you were a wonderful friend to mom. She loved the dancing Christmas dog and so did her grand kids.

Karen Gore - October 08, 2018 at 11:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores R. Welte.*



October 05, 2018 at 04:06 PM