



LaVerne Tenbarga

February 26, 1931 - October 22, 2023

LaVerne Tenbarga passed away on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at her home at the age of 92.

LaVerne was born on February 26, 1931 in Evansville to the late William and Christine (Muensterman) Debes. She graduated from Sacred Heart Grade School and Memorial High School. LaVerne was a longtime, active member of Resurrection Catholic Church, where she sang in the church choir. She, along with her late husband Allen, were inducted into the Brute` Society of the Diocese of Evansville for their service to the church. LaVerne worked at Deaconess Hospital for over 25 years and later volunteered at the hospital as a Pink Lady. She later worked for Dr. Talley before retiring from his office at the age of 79.

LaVerne, her husband Allen, and friends enjoyed dancing and belonged to the Eagles, Owls, Coterie and the Friday Night Dance Club. She and Allen also belonged to several different discussion groups, one of which lasted for over 35 years.

LaVerne is survived by her seven children; Jane (Dave) Leach, Karen (Ed) Stephenson, Mary (Mike) Berendes, Teri (Lee) Chapin, Lois (Kenny) Edmondson, Joe (Chris) and Laura (Dan) Niemeier; her sister-in-law, Genell Debes; grandchildren, Stacia (Leach) Martin, Gregory Leach, Sarah (Leach)

Combs, Anna Stephenson, Rachel Stephenson, Billy Wayne, Brooke Wayne, Nick Logel, Jamie (Logel) Simpson, Eric Edmondson, Andy Niemeier, Brad Niemeier, and Craig Niemeier; and twenty-one great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, LaVerne was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Allen Tenbarga in 2022 and by a brother, Donald Debes.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 27, 2023 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Jerry Pratt officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a rosary recited at 7:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 10:00 AM until service time on Friday at Resurrection Catholic Church, 5301 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720.

Memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Catholic Church, 5301 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47720 or to the Ozanam Family Shelter, 1100 Read Street, Evansville, IN 47710.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 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>

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ *LaVerne was a friend of my sister Barbara (Adams) Crudo. She and Allan were lovely people. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to her family and many friends. PAX TECUM, LaVerne! Larry (Butch) and Carolyn Adams*

Leonard R. Adams - October 29, 2023 at 08:57 PM

MS

“ *It was my privilege to have worked with LaVerne at Deaconess Emergency Department. She was hardworking and one of the kindest people I have ever known. Everyone loved her and she will be missed.*

Marie Stone - October 26, 2023 at 02:25 PM

NK

“ *So sorry to here that Laverne passed. She was one of my moms (Jeanette Beaven) best friends. Praying for your family. Nancy Beaven Korff*

Nancy Beaven Korff - October 26, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sorry to hear the loss of a wonderful lady that I have many memories of when I was younger. She was a such a sweet lady. Allen and her were great friends to my parents and always so welcoming and friendly. May she rest in peace knowing her life on earth was fulfilling with all the lives she touched through her works. Praying for her soul. Barb Minielli Visser*

Barb Minielli Visser - October 26, 2023 at 10:38 AM

MM

“ Jane and Family, So very sorry to read of the passing of your dear mother. She was always an uplifting spirit everywhere she went. Hard worker at Deaconess in every department she graced. Fun loving gal full of laughter and love. Her faith and love for her family was #1 in her life. Prayers for all of you at this difficult time. She lived her life to the fullest! May she have eternal rest now in her Savior's glory. Mary & Jim(Mac) McCarthy

Mary Stumpf McCarthy - October 26, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVerne Tenbarge.



October 25, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LaVerne Tenbarge.

October 25, 2023 at 01:14 PM



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MK

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your mother, grandmother and great grandmother.
I met your mother through my deliveries each Tuesday.
She would often give a cheery greeting while in the care of her family.
It was obvious she was very loved and cherished.
Sincerely, Mindy Kranpitz

mindy kranpitz - October 24, 2023 at 11:11 PM

TF

“ The Dubord Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaVerne Tenbarge.

The Dubord Family - October 24, 2023 at 10:04 PM

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“ The Dubord Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of LaVerne Tenbarge.



The Dubord Family - October 24, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVerne Tenbarge.



October 24, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - October 24, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *LaVerne was a dear friend, we spent a lot of nights dancing with her and Allen and went on many a trip, she was a fun person, and was my support person when we lost our son, I will really miss her, but now she can dance with Allen in heaven*

Delores Folz - October 24, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *LaVerne Tenbarge*.

October 24, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaVerne Tenbarge.*



October 24, 2023 at 03:42 PM

DP

“ Chuck and I extend sympathy and prayers. We are feeling the loss, but are treasuring the memories for the decades we shared. We were blessed by LaVerne and will remember her always.

Diana Petranek - October 24, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaVerne Tenbarge.



October 24, 2023 at 01:13 PM

BD

“ Mary and family,

Just from talking with you, your mom seemed like the sweetest lady. May she enjoy dancing with your dad in heaven. My condolences.

Becky



Becky Doshier - October 24, 2023 at 09:25 AM



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



October 24, 2023 at 07:27 AM



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“ I worked with LaVerne at Deaconness, she was always happy and had a positive attitude always. She would remember me, and always speak. Exceptional lady , and coworker!

Pam Cheaney - October 23, 2023 at 06:39 PM