



Leona (Lee) Rayburn

August 15, 1931 - June 15, 2013

Mrs. Leona A. (Lee) Rayburn, 81, passed away Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Terrace at Solarbron from complications of Parkinson's disease.

She was born August 15, 1931 in Seattle, WA. to Laretta and Elwood Williams. She graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1949.

In 1952, she married James W. Rayburn and relocated to the Midwest, and in 1958 they moved to Evansville, IN. She retired in 1990 from the USI medical school branch after 16 years of service as a secretary.

She enjoyed travel, playing piano, needlepoint, and participating in the Civitan Club of Evansville. She loved to laugh, even if at herself.

Her greatest love was for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, George Williams and Phillip Williams of Seattle.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James W. Rayburn; daughters, Susan Helfrich (Mark), of Evansville and Jenny Janes (Tim), of Louisville; son, Kevin Rayburn (Julie) of Grandview, IN; sisters, Laretta Anne Filmore of Irvine, CA. and Sandi Carver (Casey) of Seattle; brother, Dr. Jack Williams

(Noreen); sisters-in-law, Evelyn Williams and Shirley Williams of Seattle and many special nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Justin Helfrich, Stefanie Lutz (Andrew), Casey Helfrich, Megan Wesley (Brian), Claire Elder (Matt), John Rayburn, Michael Janes, Kevin Janes, Riley and Lane Spencer. She has four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will begin at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at Pierre Funeral Home with Chaplain Greg Barnett officiating. Burial to follow in Tupman Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:00 A.M. until service time on Wednesday.

The family would like to express many thanks to Delores Scheller, Lori Velasquez and the employees and management of Solarbron and Vista Care Hospice for their kind, loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Tupman Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, the Christian Life Center in Evansville, or the Salvation Army .

Cemetery Details

Pierre Funeral Home

2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

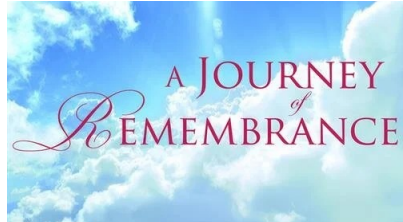
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Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leona (Lee) Rayburn



Pierre Funeral Home - June 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Leona (Lee) Rayburn

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Growing up Leona was one of my favovite cousins. She was, and will always be, beautiful inside and out. I know she will be missed by all who knew and loved her. I will see her again.....##imported-begin##Keith & Diane McDaniels##imported-end##

June 22, 2013 at 05:48 PM



“ Aunt Leona will be forever remembered for having such a kind spirit, warm heart and feeling closer than she was in actual distance from our family growing up in Michigan. She taught me how to needlepoint as a young girl and made the long drive with Uncle Jim for my senior piano recital as a wonderful show of support. We will miss her greatly and our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Rayburn family.##imported-begin##Jessica Williams##imported-end##

June 21, 2013 at 11:54 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Leona's passing. I will miss her.##imported-begin##Michele Malo##imported-end##

June 20, 2013 at 10:01 PM



“ We're sorry we cannot be there in person today, for the funeral. However, we look forward to seeing all of you in July. Leona was a wonderful, sweet sister, so caring and kind. We were lucky to have her in the family. She is missed by everyone.

Jack and Noreen##imported-begin##Jack and Noreen Williams##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 01:02 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. God has her in his garden now. I wish my health would have allowed me to be there with all of you today, but I am there is spirit. Jenny, I love you! Kari##imported-begin##Kari Drinnon##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 10:03 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.##imported-begin##Frances Ann Ford##imported-end##

June 18, 2013 at 07:52 PM



“ Kevin, Julie, Riley and Lane

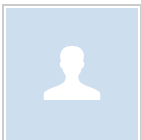
You have our sympathy on the death of Lee. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Joe and Becky##imported-begin##Becky and Joe Blum##imported-end##

June 18, 2013 at 01:40 PM



“ just wanted to say thank you for the pleasure of being able to take care your wife Jim and your mother to her childern she was blessing always with something to say and a smile on her face my thoughts and prayers are with you Jim and family during this sad time##imported-begin##betty allen##imported-end##

June 18, 2013 at 06:06 AM



“ Lee was a lovely person. I feel blessed to have known her. Jimmy, you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Judy Reeves##imported-end##

June 17, 2013 at 07:33 PM