



## Thelma Lou Mitchell

April 4, 1945 - June 22, 2022

Thelma “Lou” (Kelle) Mitchell, age 77, of Evansville, passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 after a short battle with cancer.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, of nearly 14 years at the time of his death in 1980, William “Tony” Mitchell; by her parents, Thomas and Sophia (Ramsey) Kelle; siblings, Mike Kelle, Kate (Kelle) Ziliak, Mary Jo “Josie” (Kelle) Wentzel, Ed Kelle; in-laws, Allen Wentzel and Julius Rexing; by a niece, JoAnna Wentzel-Bowley and nephews, Matt Rexing and Mark Ziliak.

Surviving Thelma are daughters, their spouses and three grandchildren, Michele and Dan Donovan, their sons, Patrick and Alan; Carolyn and Brett Winger and their daughter Catherine. Also surviving are siblings and spouses Pat Rexing, Jerry and Barb Kelle; sister-in-law Lorraine Kelle, eighteen nieces and nephews and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Thelma was the second youngest of seven children born and raised in Vanderburgh County on Fisher Rd and a 1963 Mater Dei graduate. Her entire career was in food service. She worked a total of 33 years at St Mary’s Medical Center, five before having children and then another twenty-eight years after her husband’s passing, retiring in 2011. While her children were young and in school, she worked in the cafeteria at Memorial High School with

her mom and older sister. She was a member of All Saints (St Anthony) Parish in Evansville since she and her husband “moved to town” in 1968. She was involved in and supported many organizations over the years to include Indiana Firefighters Association, Twin Towers, Amvets Local 84 Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary 1114, and Eagles 4023. Her pastimes were playing cards with her favorite being clabber, piecing together puzzles and reading.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at St. Philip Catholic Church, Rev. Ryan Hilderbrand officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Saturday at St. Philip Catholic Church, 3500 St. Philip Road, S. Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Evansville Firefighter’s Pipe and Drum Corps.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **24**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
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## Visitation

JUN **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church  
3500 S. St. Philip Road  
Mt. Vernon, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thelma Lou Mitchell*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - June 23, 2022 at 06:33 PM

EC

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of the loved ones. Everyone that knew her has all of her special memories with them forever. Ethel Collins*

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**Ethel Collins** - June 24, 2022 at 12:34 PM

JT

*Much love and sympathy to the entire family and especially our dear friend Carolyn. May time ease your pain.*

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**Joyce Taylo** - June 24, 2022 at 01:08 PM

CW

*Thank you Joyce and Nicki Love you both.*

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**Carolyn Wininger** - June 25, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Thelma Lou Mitchell*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

LA

“ We were PTA officers together and also did neighborhood association projects together. Thelma and Tony lived on Second Avenue and we lived on Fourth Avenue, so we saw each other a lot. Our kids went to St. Anthony's and we worshiped there. Two lovely people in our lives until Tony died. We'd see Thelma occasionally and it was always nice to catch up on each other's lives. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to her family and many friends. Viya con Dios, mi Amiga! PAX TECUM, Thelma!  
Leonard "Larry" and Carolyn Adams

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Leonard R Adams - June 27, 2022 at 05:21 PM

HW

“ Thelma and her family lived up the road from us ( the Pfister family). I remember Thelma and her sisters would babysit for my me and my 4 younger siblings. She was always sweet to me. I was seven years younger than her. I also remember sledding down the Kelle's hill when there was snow on the ground. I just remember her being a lot of fun.

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Helaine (Pfister) Williams - June 26, 2022 at 08:19 PM

DR

“ I worked 9 years with Thelma when I first started at St. Mary's Hospital. One year Thelma, another lady and I all went to the St. Mary's family picnic at Holiday. I had the best time there. We rode all of the rides and of course we played BINGO. I will truly miss you Thelma Lou ❤️❤️❤️

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Dean Reitz-Lisembee - June 25, 2022 at 12:04 AM

JB

“ I will forever remember the Christmas breakfast(s) we would share at your house. I was young but they are vivid memories. Hope your families find peace thru these hard times. R.I.P. Lou  
John Bray & family

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**John Bray** - June 24, 2022 at 04:59 PM

CW

Yes, that was memories. And Thank you John and family.

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**Carolyn Wininger** - June 25, 2022 at 06:52 AM

CB

“ We had such fun in high School. She was such a cut up and a fun person to be around. I will remember her in my prayers.

*Carolyn Bailey (Schreiber)*

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**Carolyn Bailey** - June 24, 2022 at 10:24 AM

BB

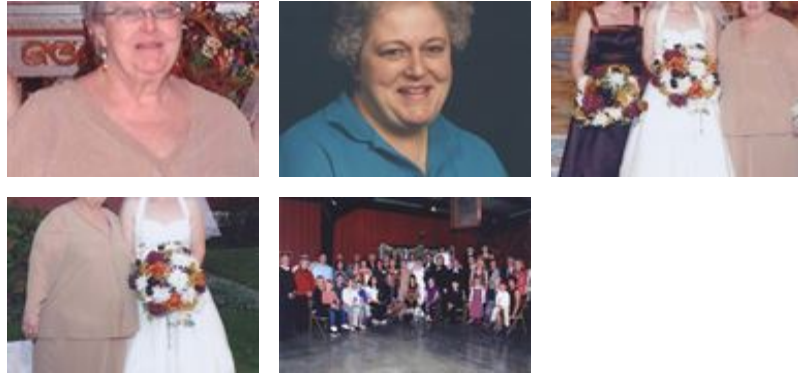
“ Thelma was a great friend. I worked with her many years at St. Mary's. Much love and prayers to the family.

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**Brenda Brugger** - June 23, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ 117 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - June 23, 2022 at 06:30 PM

EE

“ We are so sorry to hear of *Thelma's* passing. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
*Dr. Kyle King and the team at Evansville Eyecare Associates*

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**Evansville Eyecare** - June 23, 2022 at 12:44 PM

PN

“ *Thelma* will forever be in my treasured memories. Love and Prayers for her girls and family.

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**Pam Newmaster** - June 23, 2022 at 11:50 AM

CW

*Thank you Pam I remember spending times out your house by a bonfires with mom.*

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**Carolyn Winger** - June 23, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Theлма Lou Mitchell*.



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June 22, 2022 at 05:36 PM