



## Clara Mae Schulte

April 12, 1931 - February 11, 2020

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Clara Mae Schulte, age 88, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 4:06 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the University of Louisville Hospital.

Clara Mae was born in Celestine, Indiana on April 12, 1931 to Jacob and Rosa (Eckert) Schnell. She married Charles Schulte on October 19, 1954 in St. Joseph's Church in Jasper, Indiana.

She worked at Ben Franklin in Jasper for many years.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, St. Ann's Society, VFW Auxiliary, and a Tri Kappa Volunteer.

She enjoyed playing golf, cards, and volunteering with her husband at the Timbers and Brookside Nursing Homes in Jasper. She also enjoyed her time with family, friends and especially her grandchildren.

Surviving is her husband of 65 years Charles Schulte, Jasper, IN, three sons, Doug (Karen), Schulte, Jasper, IN, Jeff (Ann) Schulte, Westfield, IN, Mike (Joyce) Schulte, Jasper, IN. Seven grandchildren, Erin (Greg) Fuhs, Beth (Kasey) Krouse, Sara (Michael) Boehman, Trey and Noah Schulte, Wayne Schulte, Eric (Erin) Schulte, two step-grandchildren, Eric (Marisa) Durcholz, Kelli (Dan) Huther, and eight great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren, and one step-sister Luella Bieker.

Preceding her in death are two grandchildren, Lauren Schulte and Olivia Schulte, two brothers Ralph and Urban Schnell, one sister Jenny Otto, one half brother, Gilbert Schnell, and two step-brothers, Louie and Leroy Sermersheim, four step-sisters, Lillion Rucker, Lee Etta Brames, Lenore Anderson, and Mary Prechtel.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Clara Mae Schulte will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Friday February 14, 2020.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Cdls Foundation or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

# Cemetery

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## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street

Jasper, IN, 47546

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

1029 Kundek Street, Jasper, IN, US

**FEB** **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

1029 Kundek Street, Jasper, IN, US

# Comments

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“ Charlie, Doug, Jeff & Mike,  
My sincere sympathy and prayers to all of you during this most difficult time.

**Steve Mehringer** - February 15 at 04:33 PM

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“ Charlie, Doug , Jeff and Mike, I am so sorry to learn of your mom's passing I have been thinking for a few days on what I could say and there are just no words. My prayers are with you all . She was a wonderful woman and mother . The days growing up on Birk drive were wonderful and the memories from my Childhood there are wonderful . (Well,,,,, except maybe Jeff when you told me there was no Santa and that God is a man !!! ) You probably don't remember that but I sure do !!  
Sheila brought back so many memories in her tribute and they made me smile . !  
We were all blessed to have such a great neighborhood and parents . Know that you all are in my prayers . The memories of your mom will live on in each and every one of us from Birk Drive. There's no place like home . Now your mom is truly home !  
Marja Sonderman Schatz



**Marja (Sonderman) Schatz** - February 14 at 09:20 AM

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“ Charlie & Family,  
Ronnie & I are so sorry to hear of Clara Mae's passing. I remember her at Ben Franklin when I would bring Ronnie's mom, Leona, to shop for her quilts. She was so helpful. Charlie, Ronnie & I appreciated all the help you gave us with our taxes all those years, also. It was always enjoyable talking to you. Please know that you are all in our prayers.  
Your cousins,  
Kathy & Ronnie Kluemper

**Kathy Kluemper** - February 14 at 08:17 AM

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“ Dear Schulte Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Clara Mae from our days of working together at Ben Franklin. What a great lady. I'm so happy I got to see her on

our last trip to Jasper in December.

With Sympathy.  
Mary Jane (Keusch) Mehringer  
Teague, Texas

**Mary Jane Mehringer** - February 14 at 01:14 AM

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“ Mike, Doug, Jeff and Charile

I am so so sorry to hear this, Clara Mae was such a wonderful lady. I have such fond memories the Birk Drive neighborhood. Us kids that grew up there would probably say the same thing, Clara Mae was like a second Mom to all of us. Your house was the place to be whether it was playing basketball, playing shuffle board or roller skating on the driveway. I also agree with Sheila's post below, growing up on Birk Drive was the best place to grow up and unless you lived there you may not understand. every night something was going on. summers were the best. We all had multiple sets of parents. Hugs and prayers to you all.

John Sonderman

**John Sonderman** - February 13 at 06:14 PM

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“ Schulte Family, A shock! So sorry for the passing of Clara Mae. I hope she's relaxing in Heaven, after being my babysitter, many years ago. I'm sure I wore her out. Then we reconnected when Doug and Karen lived next door to our family. She was so sweet and a pleasure to know. Prayers & Sympathy, Sarah Berger Humphrey Muncie  
IN R.I.P. Clara Mae



**Sarah Humphrey** - February 13 at 02:07 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy and prayers to all of you during this most difficult time. Clara Mae was a beautiful lady, who was always kind and caring. She was a big part of the great staff at Ben's!



**Chris Bohnert Hinkle** - February 12 at 10:40 AM

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“ Charlie, Doug, Jeff & Mike -

I am so so sorry to hear this; Clara Mae was such a sweet lady. I have such fond memories of playing shuffle board and roller skating on the driveway. I totally agree with Sheila's post below, growing up on Birk Drive was the best. I think about everyone from Birk Drive often and smile. Hugs and prayers to all.

Angie Schneider

**Angie Schneider** - February 12 at 08:11 AM

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“ Dear Charlie, Doug, Jeff, and Mike,

I am so glad I was able to see both Clara Mae and Charlie in 2018, when mom had passed! Had I known in a few short years, Clara Mae would be gone, too, I may have visited a little longer!!

I know it's a tough time for you all right now, and it seems to be the end of an era. But like me, I am sure you all have very fond memories of that whole neighborhood! It lives in my heart, and I feel very blessed to have lived on Birk Drive and known you all!

I like to picture all those that have passed from the neighborhood still living near each other on the same block in heaven, maybe it's even named Birk Drive up there, too, who knows!! And Rod Brown, who I think has been gone the longest is sitting under an old "helicopter" tree waiting and greeting each of us as we arrive, with a lawn chair, and a fly (mosquito) swatter! And they all gather in the evening to sit under an old tree to wait for the rest of us to make our journeys back home! And somehow, while they wait, they can see into the past and see and hear all their kids playing bull dog or kick-the-tin-can or jailbreak, or catching lightning bugs!! Hopefully up there, we won't need the mosquito swatters, though!!

One memory, I still tell people today, and I think I even mentioned it to Clara Mae and Charlie on that last visit with them in 2018!!

Dad (Leon) worked at the Country Club years ago, and if I remember right, they had torn down the old Country Club or remodeled it or something, and dad brought home an old air conditioner the Country Club was going to pitch!! So after the usual evening, swatting mosquitos under Rod and Ginny's tree, Edna and Leon called it an EARLY night because they wanted to go home to enjoy that "cool air"! Shortly after the lights went out, they were awakened by noises and muffled sounds!! Dad got up to discover the whole neighborhood sitting in the living room laughing and enjoying that air conditioner!! It was a hilarious prank back in a much more innocent time when doors were never locked and you trusted your neighbors!

I think that story describes that neighborhood perfectly!! And I hope it warms your heart in this difficult time!

Sheila

sheila wigand - February 12 at 12:05 AM



“ OMG Sheila this brought tears to my eyes and brought back so many memories of the wonderful neighborhood and childhoods we all had there on Birk Drive . No place like home . My prayers are with the family, Charlie, Doug, Jeff and Mike . . Marja

**Marja Sonderman Schatz** - February 12 at 10:36 AM



“ Clara Mae you were one of nicest ladies I know . Thank you for all of your years of volunteering at The Timbers of Jasper. You will never be forgotten



**Sandy Eckert** - February 11 at 07:52 PM