



## Alethea Mae Henke

May 3, 1941 - March 24, 2023

Alethea Mae Henke, age 81, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 3:34 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023, in St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Alethea was born in Velpen, Indiana, on May 3, 1941, to Norman and Wilma (Lowe) Stilwell. She married Ronald Henke on June 2, 1959.

Alethea graduated from Stendel High School in 1959. She worked as a manager and cook at Jasper High School for many years. She cooked for many parties and weddings at the Jasper Outdoor Recreation for over 20 years. Alethea and her husband Ron purchased the Headquarters along with Cotton and Lavella Singer in 1983. They operated the restaurant from 1983 to 2003.

She was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper and a member of The Daughters of Isabella. She enjoyed going to bingo, playing low rum and spending time with her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Ron Henke, Jasper, IN, four sons, Dan (Geri) Henke, Mike Henke, and Jeff (Teresa) Henke, all of Jasper, IN, and Kenny (Susan) Henke, Huntingburg, IN, as well as nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren, three brothers, Richard Stilwell, Lake Okeechobee, FL, Roy

Stilwell, Otwell, IN, and Philip Stilwell, Velpen, IN, and two sisters, Bernice Luker, Velpen, IN, and Phyllis Reinbold, Jasper, IN.

Preceding her in death are one son, Brian Henke, one grandson, Jason Henke, one sister, Irene Sadler, four brothers-in-law, Alvin Hardin, Paul Luker, George Vaughn, and Ralph Sadler, and one sister-in-law, Joyce Stilwell.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Alethea Mae Henke will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, in Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. The D of I will pray a rosary at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Precious Blood Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
[email@becherkluesner.com](mailto:email@becherkluesner.com)

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church  
1385 W 6th St  
Jasper, IN

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Bette Gibson lit a candle in memory of Alethea Mae Henke*



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**Bette Gibson** - April 01, 2023 at 02:03 AM

DF

“ *Dennis Fleck lit a candle in memory of Alethea Mae Henke*



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**Dennis Fleck** - March 28, 2023 at 01:18 PM

PH

“ *Our prayers and condolences to the entire family. We always enjoyed talking to Alethea. She was a wonderful person. Great memories over the years at the Headquarters.*

*Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig*

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**Paul Habig** - March 28, 2023 at 08:49 AM

JK

“ *What an amazing lady. Have always admired her. Hope that she and Brian are sharing lots of hugs in Heaven. I know my Mom is glad to see her! My condolences to all the family.*



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**Joan Eckerle Knies** - March 27, 2023 at 09:17 PM

JK

*I will always think of her when the lilacs bloom.*

Joan Eckerle Knies - March 27, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ *Jillian Becher lit a candle in memory of Alethea Mae Henke*



Jillian Becher - March 27, 2023 at 01:10 PM

BG

“ *Bonnie Eckerle Gessner lit a candle in memory of Alethea Mae Henke*



Bonnie Eckerle Gessner - March 26, 2023 at 02:39 PM

SH

“ *Sandy Hasenour lit a candle in memory of Alethea Mae Henke*



sandy hasenour - March 25, 2023 at 06:13 PM

SH

*You were like a second mom to me. We had our spats, but I always loved you. Rest easy my friend. Love, Sandy Hasenour*

sandy hasenour - March 25, 2023 at 06:16 PM



*So very sorry for your loss, prayers for the family.*

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**Windell & Brenda** - March 26, 2023 at 08:22 PM